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House broadly condemns hate after anti-Semitism dispute

By LISA MASCARO and LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Divided in debate but mostly united in a final vote, the House passed a resolution condemning anti-Semitism and other bigotry Thursday, with Democrats trying to push past a dispute that has overwhelmed their agenda and exposed fault lines that could shadow them through next year's elections.

The one-sided 407-23 vote belied the emotional infighting over how to respond to freshman Rep. Ilhan Omar's recent comments suggesting House supporters of Israel have dual allegiances.

For days, Democrats wrestled with whether or how to punish the lawmaker, arguing over whether Omar, one of two Muslim women in Congress, should be singled out, what other types of bias should be decried in the text and whether the party would tolerate dissenting views on Israel. Republicans generally joined in the favorable vote, though nearly two-dozen

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Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., walks to the chamber Thursday, March 7, 2019, on Capitol Hill in Washington, as the House was preparing to vote on a resolution to speak out against, as Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said, "anti-Semitism, anti-Islamophobia, anti-white supremacy and all the forms that it takes," an action sparked by remarks from Omar.

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opposed the measure, one calling it a "sham." Generational as well as ide-

ological, the argument was fueled in part by young, liberal lawmakers — and vot-

ers — who have become a face of the newly empowered Democratic majority

in the House.

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These lawmakers are critical of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, rejecting the conservative leader's approach to Palestinians and other issues.

They split sharply from Democratic leaders who seemed caught off guard by the support for Omar and unprepared for the debate. But the leaders regrouped.

"It's not about her. It's about these forms of hatred," Speaker Nancy Pelosi said before the vote.

The resolution approved Thursday condemns anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim discrimination and bigotry against minorities "as hateful expressions of intolerance." Omar, a Somali-American, and fellow Muslims Rashida Tlaib of Michigan and Andrew Carson of Indiana, issued a statement praising the "historic" vote as the first resolution to condemn "anti-Muslim bigotry." Some Democrats complained that Omar's comments on Israel had ig-



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., meets with reporters during her weekly news conference, at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, March 7, 2019.

nited all this debate while years of President Donald Trump's racially charged rhetoric had led to no similar congressional action. The seven-page document details a history of recent attacks not only against Jews in the United States but also Muslims, as it condemns all such dis-

crimination as contradictory to "the values and aspirations" of the people of the United States. The vote was delayed for a time on Thursday to include mention of Latinos to address concerns of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. It was inserted under a section on white supremacists who "weaponize hate for political gain" over a long list of "traditionally persecuted peoples."

An earlier version focused more narrowly on anti-Semitism. The final resolution did not mention Omar by name.

Getting this debate right will be crucial for Democrats in 2020. U.S.-Israel policy is a prominent issue that is exposing the splits between the party's core voters, its liberal flank and the more centrist Americans in Trump country the party hopes to reach.

"What I fear is going on in the House now is an effort to target Congresswoman Omar as a way of stifling that debate. That's wrong," said presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders, the Vermont independent.

"Anti-Semitism is a hateful and dangerous ideology which must be vigorously opposed in the United States and around the world," the senator said. "We must not, however, equate anti-Semitism

with legitimate criticism of the right-wing, Netanyahu government in Israel."

California Democratic Sen. Kamala Harris said "we need to speak out against hate." But she said she also believes "there is a critical difference between criticism of policy or political leaders, and anti-Semitism." A statement from Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts said, "Branding criticism of Israel as automatically anti-Semitic has a chilling effect on our public discourse and makes it harder to achieve a peaceful solution between Israelis and Palestinians." She said threats of violence, including those made against Omar, "are never acceptable."

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York said, "Everyone is entitled to their opinion, they are allowed to have free speech in this country," Gillibrand said. "But we don't need to use anti-Semitic tropes or anti-Muslim tropes to be heard."

Another member of the new crop of outspoken young House freshmen, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, said the final product, as well as the way presidential candidates are now talking about the issue, showed "there's been some really great progress we've made."

But Omar's rhetoric is tak-

ing Democrats to a place that leaves many uneasy. The new lawmaker sparked a weeklong debate in Congress as fellow Democrats said her comments have no place in the party. She suggested Israel's supporters were pushing lawmakers to take a pledge of "allegiance" to a foreign country, reviving a trope of dual loyalties. It wasn't her first dip into such rhetoric. The new congresswoman has been critical of the Jewish state in the past and apologized for those previous comments. But Omar has not apologized for what this latest comment. Pelosi said she did not believe that Omar understood the "weight of her words" or that they would be perceived by some as anti-Semitic.

Asked whether the resolution was intended to "police" lawmakers' words, Pelosi replied: "We are not policing the speech of our members. We are condemning anti-Semitism," Islamophobia and white supremacy.

Some of the House's leading Jewish Democrats wanted to bring a resolution on the floor simply condemning anti-Semitism.

But other Democrats wanted to broaden the resolution to include a rejection of all forms of racism and bigotry. Others questioned whether a resolution was necessary at all and viewed it as unfairly singling out Omar at a time when Trump and others have made disparaging racial comments.

There remained frustration that the party that touts its diversity conducted such a messy and public debate about how to declare its opposition to bigotry.

Among the Republican dissenters, Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, a member of the GOP leadership, called the resolution "a sham put forward by Democrats to avoid condemning one of their own and denouncing vile anti-Semitism."

In part, Democratic leaders were trying to fend off a challenge from Republicans on the issue. □

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Pentagon may tap military pay, pensions for border wall

By **ANDREW TAYLOR** and
LISA MASCARO
Associated Press**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Pentagon is planning to tap \$1 billion in leftover funds from military pay and pension accounts to help President Donald Trump pay for his long-sought border wall, a top Senate Democrat said Thursday.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., told The Associated Press, "It's coming out of military pay and pensions. \$1 billion. That's the plan."

Durbin said the funds are available because Army recruitment is down and a voluntary early military retirement program is being underutilized.

The development comes as Pentagon officials are seeking to minimize the amount of wall money that would come from military construction projects that are so cherished by lawmakers. Durbin said, "Imagine the Democrats making



In this Jan. 9, 2019 file photo, construction crews install new border wall sections seen from Tijuana, Mexico.

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that proposal — that for whatever our project is, we're going to cut military pay and pensions."

Durbin, the top Democrat on the Appropriations panel for the Pentagon, was among a bipartisan group of lawmakers who met with Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan on Thursday morning.

The Pentagon is planning to transfer money from vari-

ous accounts into a fund dedicated to drug interdiction, with the money then slated to be redirected for border barriers and other purposes.

More attention has been paid to Trump's declaration of a national emergency to tap up to \$3.6 billion from military construction projects to pay for the wall. The Democratic-controlled House voted last month to

reject Trump's move, and the GOP-held Senate is likely to follow suit next week despite a White House lobbying push.

Senate Republicans met again Wednesday to sort through their options in hopes of making next week's voting more politically palatable. They are struggling to come up with an alternative to simply voting up or down on the House measure as required under a never-used Senate procedure to reject a presidential emergency declaration. Lawmakers in both parties believe Trump is inappropriately infringing on Congress' power of the purse. Senators are increasingly uneasy ahead of voting next week because they don't know exactly where the money to build the wall will come from and if it will postpone military projects in their home states. Vice President Mike Pence told senators during

their meeting a week ago that he would get back to them with an update. But senators said they don't yet have a response from the administration.

"It's a concern," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. He said a number of senators have been talking to the White House about other ways the administration could shuffle the money without relying on the authority under the emergency declaration, which is likely to become tied up in litigation.

The pitch is, "Why have this additional controversy when it could be done in a less controversial way?" he said. "Apparently, the White House is not persuaded." The Army missed its recruiting goal this year, falling short by about 6,500 soldiers, despite pouring an extra \$200 million into bonuses and approving some additional waivers for bad conduct or health issues. □

Battling over voting rights, Dems, GOP have 2020 in sight

By **ERRIN HAINES WHACK**

AP National Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every election year, there's heated talk about voter access and suppression. This year congressional Democrats are hoping to make it a top-tier political fight.

The Democrats are calling for new legislation and increasingly pressuring Republicans in both the House and Senate, aiming to highlight enduring restrictions that prevent some voters from casting ballots — and hoping to also energize key parts of the party's base of supporters.

In the House, Democrats flexing their new majority muscles chose to make their first major piece of legislation — significantly numbered H.R. 1 — a bill that would make it easier to register to vote. Senate Democrats, who remain in the minority, also intend to make voting rights a top priority.

"We're going to go on offense on it," Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said in an interview. "We're going to



In this pool image from video, Stacey Abrams delivers the Democratic party's response to President Donald Trump's State of the Union address, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019 from Atlanta.

make it an issue in the 2020 campaigns. We Democrats have to fight in this more aggressive, stronger, focused way."

Voting access was a strong motivator for Democratic voters in the 2018 campaign, including in Georgia, where Democrat Stacey

Abrams narrowly lost the governor's race to Republican Brian Kemp. Abrams accused Kemp, as secretary of state, of improperly purging voters from the rolls and limiting access to polling places in rural parts of the state.

Kemp said he was following

state law to guard against voter fraud after an AP analysis found 53,000 applications of mostly black voters were held in pending status just before the midterm election. National Republican leaders also insist the issue is voter fraud, not suppression.

Democratic leaders see the Georgia results as evidence that voters are concerned and motivated to vote by the issue. Hoping to keep the momentum, they're eager to show their base, particularly the African-Americans they'll need to win in next year's voting, that they're committed to pushing hard for legislation.

Schumer said he'll be targeting three specific areas: federal oversight of election laws in states with a record of voter disenfranchisement; automatic voter registration and statehood for the District of Columbia.

His comments coincide with the 54th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when peaceful protesters were tear-gassed and beaten by Alabama state troopers as they attempted to march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma on March 7, 1965. It was a major incident of the Civil Rights movement, and led

to the passage of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. That law in turn led to millions of black Americans gaining access to the vote — increasing their political power with the election of more black local, state and federal leaders.

Schumer said he would sign on to the current Voting Rights Advancement Act introduced by Sen. Patrick Leahy. The Vermont Democrat's bill would require new election laws in some states to be approved by the Justice Department. The Supreme Court struck down a federal preclearance requirement in 2013, saying it unfairly punished Southern states. Schumer said Democrats would also introduce automatic voter registration legislation in the Senate.

"This new House Democrat majority's top priority is apparently assigning themselves an unprecedented level of control over how they get elected to Washington D.C.," McConnell said.

Unsurprisingly, that's not how the Democrats see it. Schumer contends that the Republicans "don't like it when poor people, people of color and students vote, and so they make it harder for them to vote. ... That is not what our democracy is all about."

The Democratic leader acknowledges the challenge for his party to actually pass their voting-rights bills into law. But he says his efforts are part of a long game, focusing on where leverage exists, such as in must-pass legislation like the federal budget.

Meanwhile, Democrats are also busy working to document and investigate allegations of voter suppression in the 2018 midterms. A House committee on Wednesday sent letters to Georgia's governor and secretary of state asking for information on "recent reports of serious problems with voter registration, voter access and other matters affecting the ability of people in Georgia to exercise their right to vote." □

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Mexican journalist seeking U.S. asylum again ordered deported

By NOMAAN MERCHANT
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HOUSTON (AP) — A Mexican journalist has again been ordered deported from the United States despite his fear that his past stories about corruption make him a target in one of the world's most dangerous countries for reporters. The attorney for Emilio Gutierrez Soto and his son, Oscar, said Thursday that he would appeal an immigration judge's decision denying them asylum.

Judge Robert Hough's Feb. 28 order says Emilio Gutierrez Soto's testimony was not credible and that he had not shown that he would be singled out for his reporting on the Mexican military were he to return now.

Press freedom advocates have highlighted Gutierrez's articles that alleged military forces were robbing and extorting local people in Chihuahua, which borders New Mexico and part of West Texas.

He and Oscar Gutierrez Soto entered the U.S. in 2008.

Gutierrez says he was threatened for writing those articles and fears he will be targeted if forced to return to Mexico. Hough said that those fears were "merely speculative" given the decade that's passed since the articles were published. The judge also said Mexico "has laws which protect free speech and the government generally respects these rights."

Eight journalists were killed in Mexico last year in connection with their reporting work, according to Reporters Without Borders, more than any other country besides Afghanistan.

Two journalists in Mexico have already been killed this year.

In many parts of the country, drug cartels and organized crime gangs are largely free to harass and murder reporters with impunity.

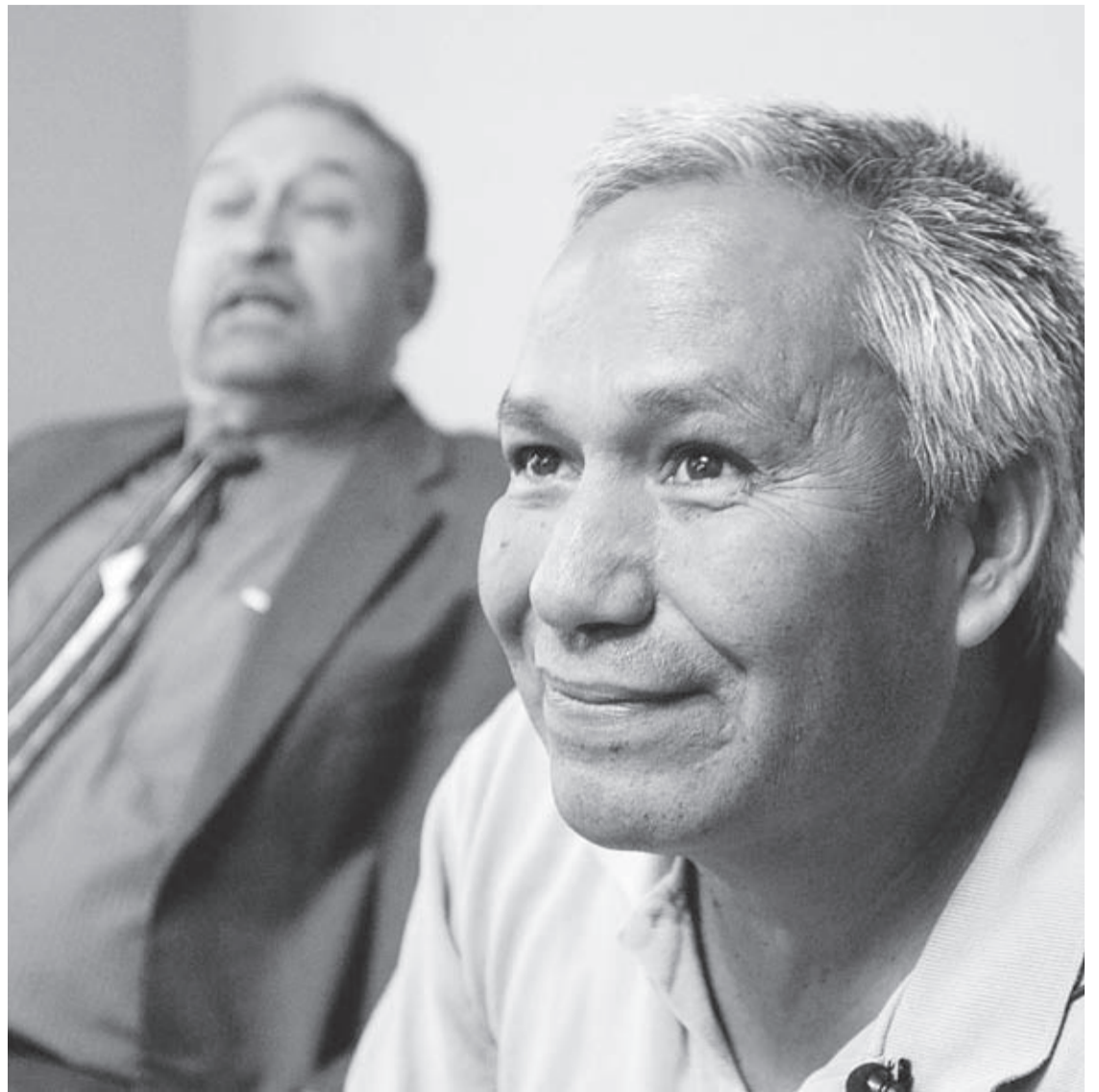
The asylum request made by Gutierrez and his son was first denied in July 2017, and they were taken into detention that December during a check-in with immigration authorities. The two were released in July, two months after an immigration appeals court ordered a new asylum hearing.

Their attorney, Eduardo Beckett, said Thursday that the two were not under immediate threat of deportation after the order, but are under a "dark cloud ... which causes much anxiety and stress not knowing the final result."

"It is well documented that persons who have filed complaints or have gone public against government authorities have paid with their lives," Beckett said in an email.

The National Press Club said it would mobilize in support of the Gutierrez family.

Emilio Gutierrez is currently serving a journalism fellowship at the University of Michigan. □



In this Jan. 30, 2009, file photo, Mexican journalist Emilio Gutierrez Soto smiles as he listens to attorney Carlos Spector speak during a news conference in El Paso, Texas.

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Uncounted Oregon votes expose election vulnerability

By **ANDREW SELSKY**
Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Days before last November's elections, members of a political action committee in Oregon went door-to-door in Portland and its suburbs and collected filled-in ballots from voters, saying they would send them in. But the committee delivered about 100 of those ballots to an elections office a day after the election. They were not counted, disenfranchising those voters. The secretary of state fined the committee \$94,750.

As doubts arise in the nation about security of election systems that can be hacked and about reliance on aging or inadequate voting machines, more attention is being paid to voting by mail. After Oregon pioneered the all-mail vote in 2000, Colorado and Washington state followed suit.

The incident in Oregon exposed a potential election vulnerability. An organization collecting ballots might mishandle ballots, as happened last year, or even dump them to try to sway an election.

No one knows how many groups in Oregon collect ballots to turn in because state government officials in charge of elections don't track the groups.

News about the Oregon ballots being rejected and the fine on the PAC last month comes as there's renewed scrutiny of ballot collection efforts. A political operative working on behalf of a GOP candidate in North Carolina was arrested after being accused of illegally collecting mail-in absentee ballots. That November race will be re-done.

There is no indication that Oregon's voter system has been penetrated by fraud by use of go-betweens to

in Oregon do not keep records on which groups collect completed ballots from voters, or how often

The incident last November involved a PAC called Defend Oregon, which was registered with the state

County election office in Portland.

"We take this mistake very seriously and sincerely apologize to impacted voters who entrusted us with their ballots," Uherbelau said in a statement.

She would not say how many ballots the group collected overall or what the group's motive was for doing so.

The group's collection effort was legal, as long as the box they used had a sign identifying it as an unofficial ballot drop box, said Tim Scott, director of elections for Multnomah County. After Scott received the 97 ballots late, he notified the secretary of state's office. "It was clear that it was a violation of the statutes, and I felt that it was my duty to make sure it was reported to the secretary of state, who has the resources to investigate," Scott said in a phone interview. The county elections office encourages voters to use official drop sites, he said. The secretary of state's office said in its Feb. 12 decision that because the PAC delivered the ballots late "each voter who entrusted Defend Oregon canvassers lost their respective right to have their ballot counted," adding: "The harm of not having a ballot counted is more severe than any other violation of election law."

University of Oregon political science professor Priscilla Southwell said if voters have doubts that their ballots were properly delivered by a go-between, they can check the secretary of state website to see if they were received.

"It seems strange that that many people would willingly turn over their ballots," she said. □



In this Nov. 6, 2018 file photo, a voter in Lake Oswego, Ore., places her ballot in a designated drop box outside City Hall.

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collect ballots. And from the governor on down to county clerks, officials praise a system allowing voters to cast ballots at their leisure through the post office or at official drop boxes because the voters don't have to leave work on election day or travel long distances to crowded polling stations. They also say the system has the added benefit of leaving a paper trail and presents fewer opportunities for hacking.

But the recent incident showed that state and county election officials

this happens. "Organizations might keep track but we don't ask for that information," said Debra Royal, chief of staff to the secretary of state, Oregon's top elections official.

A study last year by Northern Illinois University ranked Oregon as the easiest state for voting in the country, analyzing 33 variables dealing with registration and voting laws. In Oregon, citizens are automatically registered to vote when they go to the motor vehicles department for drivers' licenses, IDs or permits.

elections division last May and works "to protect Oregon from extremist groups with dangerous agendas." The group said one of its canvassers removed 97 completed ballots from a lock box on election night, Nov. 6, checked them against a spreadsheet, and put them into a box to be delivered to the elections office or to an official drop box.

But no one delivered them that day. The box was discovered the next day and was driven by Defend Oregon director Becca Uherbelau to the Multnomah

Ralph Hall, oldest-ever member of U.S. House, dead at age 95

By WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Former Texas Rep. Ralph Hall, the oldest-ever member of the U.S. House and a man who claimed to have once sold cigarettes and Coca-Cola to the bank-robbing duo of Bonnie and Clyde, has died at age 95.

The Republican and World War II pilot died at his home in Rockwall on Thursday morning, said Ed Valentine, Hall's longtime strategist. Asked about a cause of death, Valentine simply cited Hall's age, saying he hadn't been suffering from any known long-term health problems.

Hall was 91 when he left the House after being defeated in a 2014 Republican primary runoff election by John Ratcliffe. The former U.S. attorney was less than half Hall's age and well-schooled in digital and data-heavy campaigning.

An avid jogger, Hall marked Memorial Day 2012 — when he was 89 — by skydiving to honor American service members.

That Christmas, he became the oldest member of Congress' lower chamber, breaking the record set by North Carolina Rep. Charles Manly Stedman, who died in office when he was 89 years, 7 months and 25 days old.

"I'm just an old guy — lived pretty clean," Hall said after breaking the record. "I have no ailments. I don't hurt anywhere."

Getting ousted by his own party in 2014 came a decade after Hall became a Republican as Texas moved further to the right. He served 12 terms in Congress as a Democrat but announced in January 2004 that he'd made the switch, backed by his friend, then-President George W. Bush.

In a statement Thursday, Bush said "Ralph Hall epitomized decency, class, and patriotism." Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said the former congressman "distinguished himself as a fiercely independent

voice who put the needs of his constituents above all else."

Hall, who flew Hellcat fighters during World War II, was known in Congress for promoting NASA and energy production. Hailing from Rockwall, east of Dallas, he was fond of saying that he voted with his party often but always voted with his district.

He was probably most popular for mailing or personally handing out pennies fitted with a special silver band bearing his name.

Only three U.S. senators were older than Hall while still serving in Congress: South Carolina Republican Strom Thurmond, who was 100 when he retired in 2003; Democrat Theodore Francis Green of Rhode Island, who left the Senate at age 93; and West Virginia Democrat Robert Byrd, who died in office in 2010 at age 92.

Hall stuck to retail politicking, preferring to greet voters personally rather than organize formal campaign stops. That was enough to retain his House seat in 2012, when he bested a tea party primary opponent.

But in 2014, Ratcliffe painted his opponent as a Washington insider, noting that Hall had represented the district long enough to have an airport, lake and highway named after him.

Hall tried to modernize, joining Twitter in 2013 and marking former President Ronald Reagan's 102nd birthday with his first Tweet. But that proved no match for Ratcliffe, who ran unopposed in the deeply red district in the November 2014 general election.

While working in a pharmacy in his hometown as a boy, Hall said then-fugitives Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker used curbside service. Hall said they bought "two cartons of Old Golds, two Coca-Colas and all the newspapers we had."

"He was a funny looking little guy. She was acceptable looking," Hall said

in 2014. "I saw them. But I don't think it's that unusual. They were a lot of places."

Hall joined the Navy at 19. He married Mary Ellen Murphy in November 1944, while serving in Pensacola, Florida. The couple had three sons: Hampton, Brett and Blakeley. □



In this March 8, 2004, file photo, then President Bush, left, waves with Rep. Ralph Hall, R-Texas, right, as they step off Air Force One upon Bush's arrival in Dallas.

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UK insists Brexit talks will continue despite EU pessimism

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Brexit negotiations between Britain with the European Union will continue through the weekend, the country's chief law officer said Thursday as the U.K. scrambled to secure changes to the divorce deal before a vote in Parliament next week.

With Britain's scheduled departure from the bloc a little more than three weeks away, the EU says "difficult" talks have failed to produce a breakthrough because British proposals are unrealistic.

"We are waiting for a proposal from the British government," French Europe Minister Nathalie Loiseau told BBC radio. "We have heard what you don't want; we are willing to know what you want."

U.K. Attorney General Geoffrey Cox, however, insisted that said "focused, detailed and careful discussions" would resume "shortly."

"We are discussing text with the European Union," he said. "I am surprised to hear



The European Parliament's top Brexit official Guy Verhofstadt pauses, as he talks during a debate about Britain's Brexit split from the EU at the European Parliament in Brussels, Thursday, March 7, 2019.

the comments that have emerged over the last 48 hours the proposals are not clear. They are as clear as day and we are continuing to discuss them."

Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but in January the U.K. Parliament resoundingly rejected the

divorce deal that lays out the terms of an orderly departure and a transition period for businesses to adjust to new trade rules.

British lawmakers are due to vote again Tuesday on

the deal, including any changes the government manages to secure. If they throw it out again, lawmakers will vote on whether to leave the EU without an agreement — an idea likely

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to be rejected — or to ask the EU to delay Brexit.

Treasury chief Philip Hammond warned pro-Brexit lawmakers that they should "think very, very carefully" about the consequences of defeating May's deal and potentially triggering the postponement of Britain's departure.

He said "they run the risk of us moving away from their preferred course of action if we don't get this deal through on Tuesday."

Delaying Brexit would require approval from all 27 remaining member states. EU leaders have said it is likely to be granted — if Britain has a good reason for the request.

Guy Verhofstadt, the European parliament's top Brexit official, said a short extension of up to two months "would not be a problem." But he said a longer delay that went beyond May's European parliament elections would solve little and would leave the EU's future on hold. □

Trudeau maintains he didn't apply inappropriate pressure

By ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Thursday that an "erosion of trust" and "lack of communication" with his former justice minister led her to resign and accuse him of applying inappropriate pressure in a corruption prosecution — a dispute that has shaken his government.

But the prime minister made no apologies as he discussed the issue at a nationally televised news conference. Former Justice Minister and Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould told a parliamentary committee last week that Trudeau and senior officials tried to pressure her into instructing prosecutors to avoid criminal prosecution of Montreal-based engineering giant SNC-Lavalin and instead require it to pay fines for alleged brib-



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks at a Liberal Climate Action Rally in Toronto, Monday, March 4, 2019.

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ery in Libya. The case has led to the resignations of two high-profile Cabinet ministers and his top aide, as well as opposition calls for him to step down. Trudeau and his aides deny doing anything wrong, saying they were only pointing out that prosecution could endanger thousands of people's jobs because a conviction would make the company ineligible for gov-

ernment contracts.

"In regards to standing up for jobs and defending the integrity of our rule of law, I continue to say there was no inappropriate pressure," Trudeau said.

Trudeau said Wilson-Raybould did not come to him to express her concerns and said he wishes she had. He said situations were "experienced differently and I regret that." □

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Ukraine candidate vows 'prison for life' for military graft

Associated Press

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Ukrainian presidential candidate Yulia Tymoshenko on Thursday promised life imprisonment for anyone convicted of military corruption allegations, including the incumbent president.

A media investigation last week detailed alleged embezzlement schemes in Ukraine's military industry, including at a factory controlled by President Petro Poroshenko.

"Those who earned even one black kopeck by exploiting the army and the war will sit in prison for life," Tymoshenko said at a news conference where she alleged Poroshenko "simply laundered defense money."

The candidate, a former prime minister and a main figure of the 2004 Orange Revolution, has support nearly equal to Poroshen-



Former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko speaks during her press conference in Kiev, Ukraine, Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Associated Press

ko's ahead of the March 31 election, according to polls. But both are behind another challenger, comedian Volodymyr Zelenskiy. Tymoshenko also alleged that the presidential administration was behind the candidacy of a rival with a similar name, Yuri Tymoshenko, to confuse voters. Prosecutor-general Yuri Lutsenko has alleged that a member of Tymoshenko's

party was behind an attempt to bribe the similarly named candidate to drop out of the race. Two people were arrested in the case Wednesday. At the news conference, the former prime minister distanced herself from the matter.

"It all is like the American movie comedy 'Dumb and Dumber,' with Poroshenko and Lutsenko taking part,"

she said. Tymoshenko also signed what she said was a commitment to end the fighting against Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine and to restore Russia-annexed Crimea to Ukraine.

"We don't take on the obligation to end the war in two weeks because we are responsible politicians, but there is no doubt we will absolutely establish peace on all of Ukraine's territory, and Donbass and Crimea will be returned," she said. She also said she was prepared to commit to actions such as lowering household costs for gas and water, raising pensions and supporting families with multiple children.

Zelenskiy on Thursday met with U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs David Hale and complained that his campaign was under pressure from Ukrainian authorities.

Zelenskiy claimed that criminal cases have been opened against him and his video and film production company, although there is no official confirmation of such cases. He also complained about listening devices that were found this week in the building where he has offices. The Interior Ministry published photos of some of the devices and a member of the ministry's administrative council said such devices are available only under license from the national security service, the SBU. The SBU on Thursday denied it was listening in on Zelenskiy and said the devices were placed there as part of a counterintelligence investigation. It said the service had begun criminal proceedings against the ministry for harming national interests by revealing SBU workings. □

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New Russian bill introduces punishment for insulting state



Russian President Vladimir Putin during meeting with Anatoly Bibilov, the leader of Georgia's breakaway region of South Ossetia, in the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Associated Press

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian lawmakers passed legislation Thursday that imposes restrictions on online media and criminalizes anyone who insults the state.

The bill introduces fines for publishing materials showing disrespect to the state, its symbols and government organs. Repeat offenders could face a 15-day jail sentence.

The Kremlin-controlled lower house, the State Duma, approved the bill in the fi-

nal, third reading. It also endorsed a separate bill that will block anyone publishing "fake news" online, that is perceived to threaten public health and security. The bills are expected to quickly pass in the upper house before President Vladimir Putin signs them into laws.

Critics see the legislation as part of Kremlin efforts to stifle criticism and tighten control.

During Thursday's debates, Communist lawmaker Alexei Kurinnyi warned that the

authorities could use the "fake news" bill to punish critics.

Valery Gartung of the Just Russia faction also criticized the legislation, saying its vagueness will open the way for selective interpretation.

The ultranationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovskiy spoke about the need to "fight lies that lead to revolutions and wars," but added that his faction wouldn't support what he described as insufficiently prepared legislation. □

French court convicts cardinal of not reporting child abuse

By **NICOLAS VAUX-MON-TAGNY**

Associated Press

LYON, France (AP) — French Cardinal Philippe Barbarin said Thursday he will offer his resignation to Pope Francis, after a court found him guilty of failing to report allegations of sexual abuse of minors by a priest. The Lyon court's surprise decision was seen by alleged victims as a victory for child protection and a strong signal to the Catholic Church.

The court handed Barbarin a six-month suspended prison sentence for not reporting the cases in the period between July 2014 and June 2015.

In a brief statement to the media, Barbarin said "I have decided to go and see the Holy Father to offer him my resignation." He said he will meet Pope Francis "in a few days," and expressed his "compassion" for the alleged victims.

Alleged victims of the Rev. Bernard Preynat claim Barbarin and other church officials covered up for him for years, but the statute of



French Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, right, arrives for a press conference in Lyon, central France, Thursday, March 7, 2019.

limitations had expired on some charges and even the victims had expected that the cardinal would be acquitted.

Five other defendants were acquitted.

In the court's decision, read by The Associated Press, magistrates wrote that Barbarin "had the obligation

to report" accusations because the alleged victims didn't request the ecclesiastic secrecy.

Alexandre Hezez, one of the alleged victims and among those who brought the case to trial, met Barbarin in November 2014 and kept informing him that there were probably

wrote.

Barbarin was not present at the Lyon court Thursday. His lawyer, Jean-Felix Luciani, said he will appeal.

"This is a decision that is not fair at the juridical level," Luciani said. He added: "We hope that at the next step, justice will be done." The Vatican didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Preynat has confessed to abusing Boy Scouts in the 1970s and '80s and will be tried separately.

Nine people who said the priest abused them brought the case against Barbarin to court.

"This is a victory that sends a strong signal to lots of victims and a signal to the church as well," said Francois Devaux, president of the association "La Parole Liberee" (Lift the Burden of Silence), a group of victims of Preynat. □

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other victims.

"Cardinal Barbarin never showed any doubt about the information," the court

Israeli army demolishes home of alleged Palestinian attacker



Children inspect house of Palestinian Aasem Barghouti that was bulldozed by the Israeli army in the West Bank village of Kobar, near Ramallah, Thursday, March 7, 2019.

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

— The Israeli military on Thursday demolished the family home of a Palestinian accused in the deaths of two soldiers and an Israeli newborn.

Israeli forces bulldozed the home of Aasem Barghouti in the West Bank village of Kobar near Ramallah. Barghouti was arrested earlier this year for allegedly carrying out the deadly shooting attacks last December. In one attack, two soldiers

were killed in a drive-by shooting at a West Bank bus stop. In another drive-by shooting, seven people were wounded, including a pregnant woman whose baby later died after being delivered prematurely.

Israel arrested more than 100 Palestinians in the manhunt after the attacks and killed Barghouti's brother in a raid. Israel said Barghouti was carrying an automatic weapon when he was arrested several weeks later. □

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Thai court disbands political party for nominating princess

By TASSANEE VEJPONGSA
GRANT PECK

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — A court in Thailand on Thursday ordered the dissolution of a major political party ahead of this month's general election because it nominated a member of the royal family to be its candidate for prime minister.

The Constitutional Court also banned members of the Thai Raksa Chart Party's executive board from political activity for 10 years.

The ruling raised fresh questions about the fairness of the upcoming election, the first since a military coup toppled a democratically elected government in May 2014.

Thai Raksa Chart on Feb. 8 nominated Princess Ubolratana Mahidol as its candidate in the March 24 polls. Her brother, King Maha Vajiralongkorn, later that day issued a royal order calling the nomination highly inappropriate and unconstitutional.

Thai Raksa Chart is aligned with former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, whose allied parties have won every national election since 2001 but have twice been toppled in coups.

The latest election is being held under rules that are generally acknowledged as making it hard for pro-Thaksin parties to win a majority, and the dissolution of Thai Raksa Chart will make it all the more difficult.

The Constitutional Court is one of the most conservative institutions in Thailand and has consistently ruled against Thaksin and his allies.

Its statement explaining Thursday's ruling was even more critical of the party's action than the king had been. It appeared to as-



Leader of Thai Raksa Chart party Preechapol Pongpanich, center, leaves Thai Raksa Chart party to Constitutional Court in Bangkok, Thailand, Thursday, March 7, 2019.

cribe ill intentions to the party's actions, blaming it for endangering a tradition that keeps the royal family above politics, even though Ubolratana embraced the nomination enthusiastically on her popular Instagram account.

As legal justification for the nomination, the party had pointed out that she held no formal royal titles because they were rescinded when she married a foreigner, an American, in 1972.

The nine-judge panel spurned such reasoning, following instead the king's line of argument that "Even though she relinquished her title according to royal laws ... she still retains her status and position as a member of the Chakri dynasty."

The court voted unanimously to dissolve the party, and by a vote of 6-3 for the political ban on its executive members.

Thursday's ruling was the third time a court has dissolved a political party associated with Thaksin on

grounds that his supporters believe were slim and politically motivated. Two predecessor parties to his current main vehicle, Pheu Thai, were dissolved in 2007 and 2008.

Thai Raksa Chart leader Preechapol Pongpanit avowed his group's loyalty to the king and the monarchy after Thursday's ruling.

"I and the party's executives have the utmost regret over the party's dissolution, which affects the fundamental political rights and freedom of the party members and the people," he said.

Thanking their supporters, he added that "For me and the party executives, no matter what our status is, we will act for the benefit of the country."

Ubolratana gave a brief reaction Thursday evening to the dissolution, responding "So I have heard. It's sad and depressing," to a comment on her Instagram account noting the court action.

Soon after the king's state-

ment last month, the Election Commission disqualified Ubolratana's nomination and forwarded to the court its recommendation that the party be dissolved because its candidate was "in conflict with the system of rule of democracy with king as head of state."

Ubolratana's nomination was a stunning move, not only because it would have broken a taboo on a senior member of the royal family running for public office, but also because it would have allied her with a party considered by many royalists to be unsympathetic to the monarchy. The army cited Thaksin's alleged disrespect for the monarchy as one of its reasons for ousting him in 2006.

Thaksin's populist policies delivered unmatched electoral majorities, but he was resented by the traditional ruling class, including royalists and the military. Thaksin went in exile in 2008 to avoid serving jail time on a corruption conviction he insists was politically moti-

vated. The leader of the ruling junta and prime minister, Prayuth Chan-ocha, is seeking to become prime minister again after the election, though he is not running for a seat in Parliament.

One of the new laws passed under military rule allows non-lawmakers to become prime minister in a vote by the upper and lower house. The upper house is entirely appointed by the ruling junta.

Ubolratana's nomination was initially thought of as a clever move to by Thaksin to outmaneuver the new electoral rules. But when the king issued his statement, it quickly became apparent it was a huge political blunder.

The ruling leaves the main pro-Thaksin party, Pheu Thai, in the race. But because of strategic cooperation by the pro-Thaksin parties not to split the vote in many constituencies, the overall prospects of Thaksin's forces will be hurt.

In an analysis made ahead of the ruling, Prajak Kongkirati, who teaches political science at Thammasat University, predicted that dissolution would weaken the Thaksin side significantly.

"The chance of Thaksin's side winning the election and forming the government is still possible," Prajak said. "But, if the party is dissolved, the chance will be slim."

However, there is also speculation that Thai Raksa Chart supporters may be energized by the perception their side is being victimized again by the anti-Thaksin establishment, and they may offer important support for parties with a similar anti-military stance, even if they are not pro-Thaksin. □

Border closure forces Venezuelan kids to make perilous treks

By **MARKO ALVAREZ**
CHRISTINE ARMARIO
Associated Press

CUCUTA, Colombia (AP)

— The sun had just begun to rise when Yurladis Rojas and her young daughter began trekking along one of the illegal dirt pathways that have become a perilous lifeline for Venezuelans no longer able to cross blocked border bridges.

As they reached the muddy Tachira River, they joined dozens of other Venezuelan students boarding makeshift wooden rafts intent on getting into Colombia to accomplish a simple childhood goal — going to school.

“We don’t deserve this and the children don’t either,” Rojas, a housewife, said after men pushed her daughter in a gray school uniform across the knee-deep river. “They shouldn’t be paying the consequences for what is happening.”

The closure of Venezuela’s border with Colombia is exacting a heavy toll on the thousands who have grown to rely on the neighboring Andean nation for everything from chemotherapy to food as their homeland’s humanitarian crisis worsens. On a typical day, over 30,000 Venezuelans used to cross the two bridges



A Venezuelan student rides on a wooden raft to cross the Tachira River into Colombia from Venezuela, near the Francisco de Paula Santander International Bridge, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

into the bustling Colombian border city of Cucuta, but both have been closed since the opposition’s failed bid to drive through trucks filled with U.S.-donated aid over a week ago.

Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro dismissed the aid push as a U.S.-backed attempt to remove him from power and responded by severing ties with Colombia, where tons of undelivered aid is being stored.

What has followed is a tense extension of Venezuela’s political standoff, with thousands of Venezuelans ranging from patients to schoolchildren seeking risky alternative routes to Colombia.

Complicating the ordeal is the lack of communication between Venezuelan and Colombian authorities amid the diplomatic strife. Colombian President Ivan Duque has joined 50 other

nations in recognizing opposition leader Juan Guaido as Venezuela’s rightful president, but the military is standing with Maduro and the bridges remain closed. Felipe Munoz, Colombia’s director for Venezuela border issues, said officials have had no contact with Maduro’s administration over the closure.

Venezuela opposition leaders, meanwhile, are looking to go through outside orga-

nizations like the Red Cross in appealing for their assistance in securing the safe passage of children and vulnerable adults and re-opening the border.

“Lives are being put at risk,” exiled lawmaker Gaby Arellano said.

Colombia and Venezuela have a porous 1,370-mile (2,200-kilometer) border where illegal armed groups charge for passage. Numerous rights groups have documented cases in which Venezuelans have been robbed or assaulted while trying to pass. Occasionally, the Tachira River swells to the point where those carrying heavy loads of contraband goods like raw meat are pushed under by the current.

An estimated 3,200 Venezuelan schoolchildren cross the border to attend school in Colombia, where many parents believe they will get a better quality education, not to mention at least one meal, sometimes the only one they’ll get in a day.

Crossing hand-in-hand, the students stand out in their plaid uniforms and knee-high socks amid the swell of people carrying bundles of goods like rice and toilet paper and suitcases with their life’s belongings. □

Mexico acknowledges failure on gender violence, unveils plan

By **MARIA VERZA**
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Authorities acknowledged Wednesday that Mexico has failed to do enough to protect women and girls, and President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador’s government presented a plan to combat gender violence.

It includes efforts to identify and fix holes in active murder investigations; to strengthen cooperation between prosecutors, health services and other authorities; to standardize femicide, or killings of women that are directly gender-related, as a crime nationwide; and to search for women as soon as they



In this Jan. 9, 2019 file photo, Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador gives a press conference in Mexico City.

are reported missing. Currently disappearances are often not investigated immediately, and experts say that means critical

hours or days are wasted. Femicide is not typified as a crime in 13 states, and women’s advocacy groups have regularly called for

that to be remedied. Nadine Gasman, president of the National Women’s Institute, said during a news conference with Lopez Obrador that the goal is to attend to women “with sensitivity and quality.” She called violence against women “a government problem.”

Last year 3,580 women and girls were killed in Mexico. “All of them have a common factor: the lack of timely and diligent intervention by the Mexican state to preserve their integrity and to ensure their lives,” Interior Secretary Olga Sanchez Cordero said, adding that women are under threat from both domestic violence and or-

ganized crime. According to the National Citizens’ Observatory on Femicide, less than a third of killings of women were investigated as femicides. The government has not said how many of the 3,580 killed last year were considered to be femicides. She said 17 of Mexico’s 31 states plus the capital district in Mexico City already have a gender alert system, but acknowledged that it needs improvement. That point is considered key by advocates. Maria de la Luz Estrada, president of the Observatory, said that in none of those states have authorities evaluated whether recommendations are being followed. □

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Nuno Sales, Director Market Management for Expedia Group Lodging Partner Services: “The travel industry in the Caribbean needs to understand how to appeal to their customer’s personal needs”

ORANJESTAD — The latest data of Expedia Group (2018 full year) reported that the demand for Aruba grew 10 percent from the U.S. market and over 30 percent from the Brazilian market year over year on Expedia Group sites during the first three quarters of 2018 v. first three quarters of 2017. The U.S. market also reported to be the top market for mobile demand in Aruba, with a preference for 4 star hotels. Additionally, European markets such as the Netherlands, Spain, Italy and the UK saw an increase from July to September in 2018 in comparison to last year. Aruba Today interviewed Nuno Sales, Director Market Management for Expedia Group Lodging Partner Services.

Expedia Group sites also reported that packages and mobile demand is still on the rise for the following markets: Palm Beach, Eagle Beach, and Oranjestad. Also, the top feeder markets to Aruba for the full year 2018 were as follows (in that order): U.S., Brazil, Canada, Netherlands and Argentina.

Sales: “I am responsible for helping the team grow the business and work hand in hand with Expedia Group’s hotel partners in the Ca-

ibbean. One of Expedia Group’s strategic imperatives is becoming locally relevant on a global basis and that is exactly one of our objectives in Latin America and of course in our key markets across the Caribbean.” Offering the hotel partners effective solutions, technologies and marketing expertise to level their playing field and at the same time, to contribute to the region’s tourism growth, and to support the recovery efforts on the islands that have been affected by natural disasters is Expedia’s goal.

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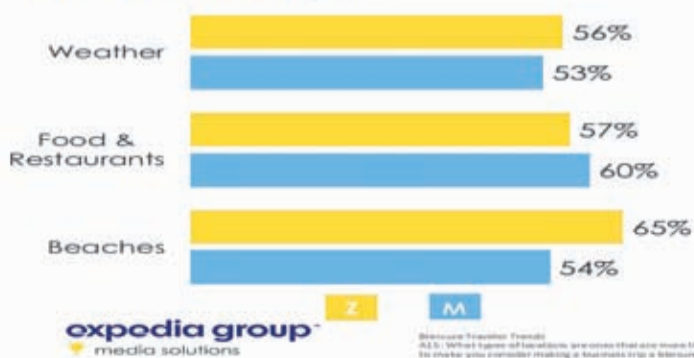
According to a 2018 research study by Expedia Group™ Media Solutions, the advertising arm of Expedia Group, Latin American travelers are taking nearly five trips per year and the average leisure trip duration is 10 days. More than 50 percent of Latin American travelers use online travel agencies (OTAs) during the trip planning process, ahead of airline, hotel or destination websites. Forty-nine percent of travelers book their trip on an OTA – the strongest conversion from planning to booking among Latin American travelers. More than half use their smartphone when looking for travel inspiration and more than one-third

conduct travel research on their mobile device. Unsurprisingly, mobile usage spikes in-trip, when more than 75 percent of Latin American travelers utilize their smartphone. Nearly 60 percent of Latin American travelers opt for relaxing trips, followed by visiting family and sightseeing trips, according to Sales.


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Gen Z

Based on other recent Expedia Group™ Media Solutions research study, Gen Z travelers (those born between 1996 and 2010) are already taking almost as many trips as millennials and are more drawn to experiences by the beach than Millennials (M).

Activities and experiences are also getting to the heart of travel decisions for both Gen Z and Millennial travelers, as shown on the following chart:

What are the trends in the region and what do you expect for this year 2019?

According to the director experiences have taken priority over possessions, as a path to happiness and fulfillment and personalization has become the “new thing” to drive traveler satisfaction. Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence have become two very powerful

and positive disruptors.

Sales: “Economy in the region is predicted to be volatile in 2019, yet the global travel landscape continued to grow in 2018 and is showing no signs of slowing down. Air, rail and car bookings recorded increases of above three percent, according to Phocuswright. As for what Expedia Group’s expects to achieve during this year, we hope to bring more value to our activities vendors that provide more than 35K experiences, deliver relevant market insights, and strategic counsel to all of our industry partners. We want to continue to be the world’s travel platform by orchestrating the movement of people and the delivery of travel experiences on both a local and a global basis.” Expedia Group believes that just as today’s travelers have already been trained to research products and prices, read reviews and make educated and discerning purchase decisions, the travel industry in the Caribbean needs to

understand how to appeal to their customer’s personal needs. Technology advancements will lead the path in the travel space, and we want to support the Caribbean region to improve guest experience through innovation.

Eco-Friendly Caribbean

“We are seeing that a good amount of urban areas in the Caribbean destinations are committing to improve the quality of services and amenities that they offer to international travelers but there is also true that there is an uprising demand of green friendly options, not only for eco-friendly destinations but also eco-friendly properties and amenities”, says Sales. For instance, Dominica has a good amount of properties that had been built on sustainable guidelines and are working on reducing wastewater, food waste, and electricity usage. They are also the first island state to ban single-use plastic, with Jamaica and Barba-

dos following their steps. St. John, in the U.S. Virgin Islands also offers a green lodging experience in campgrounds that do a lot to minimize tourism impact in the local natural environments. The island of Bonaire has also made a commitment to green living not only by offering eco-friendly lodging but by powering much of the island with wind energy and using bio-diesel.

“As Expedia Group, we had also assumed our responsibility as a Global Travel Company and we support several projects across the Caribbean, along with organizations such as the Clinton Foundation. In Puerto Rico, we are supporting an environmental initiative on the island of Culebra, one of the most-visited marine ecosystem in the Puerto Rican archipelago, to bring back sustainable tourism. The program helps fund an in-depth evaluation of the area; and the creation of a management plan to protect it and maintain it.” □

Better the Balance, Better the World

ORANJESTAD — Today is International Women’s Day (IWD), a day that is celebrated around the world on the 8th of March and is a day to reflect on how far we have come and how far we still have to go to truly achieve gender equality. This year’s theme is ‘Better the Balance, Better the World.’

Empowerment of woman is important and has a long way to go. With movements like #MeToo we can see women standing up against sexual harassment and receiving the acknowledgement for their rights. Unfortunately there are still many countries where sexual harassment is ‘part of culture’ like in India where rape is the fourth most common crime against women in India. Brazil, where female supporters from both teams recently protested against sexual harassment during a football game. A woman’s place is wherever she wants, including a stadium. Male fans responded by harassing the women. Stadiums aren’t the only place in Brazil where women’s rights are trampled on. On average, women earn 23 % less than men. Harsh abortion restrictions deny women of their reproductive freedom. Women also face widespread domestic violence. This

‘culture’ appears to be common for many Latin American countries including the Caribbean.

Inequality at Work

ECLAC released its report Social Panorama 2018 stating that on average, around 40% of the employed population of Latin America earns wages below the minimum established per country. That proportion is much higher among women (48.7%) and young people aged 15-24 (55.9%). The figure rises to 60.3% among young women. Universal policies must be implemented that respond to these differences in order to close the gaps in access that affect different groups of the population, and that also take into account both the old and new risk scenarios that will impact society as a whole, says ECLAC. In 2017, participation by women in the labor market continued to be less compared to men, at 50.2% and 74.4% respectively, while unemployment in women for that year was higher (10.4%) than for men (7.6%). More than half of working women (51.8%) are employed in low-productivity sectors, and of those, 82.2% are not affiliated with or drawing from a pension system. The low participation by



women in paid work is in contrast to their high participation in non-paid work within the home: in Latin America, 77% of non-paid work is done by women, according to data from surveys on use of time. “Without adequate public policies to address key issues, such as the promotion of women’s training and employment in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), to avoid job insecurity and to promote co-responsibility in care systems, women could not only lose out on the benefits of future jobs, but also run the risk of perpetuating existing gaps and the existing shortfalls of decent

work.” concluded the document. The UN Women’s global theme for IWD 2019 is ‘Think equal, build smart, innovate for change’, linking with the UN Commission on the Status of Women’s focus on social protection, public services and sustainable infrastructure. Aruba Today unfortunately was not able to find much focus upon this theme in Aruba on social media and printed media. However it seems that Sketch Advertising together with Rockhouse Aruba will celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women today. More information on their Facebook. □

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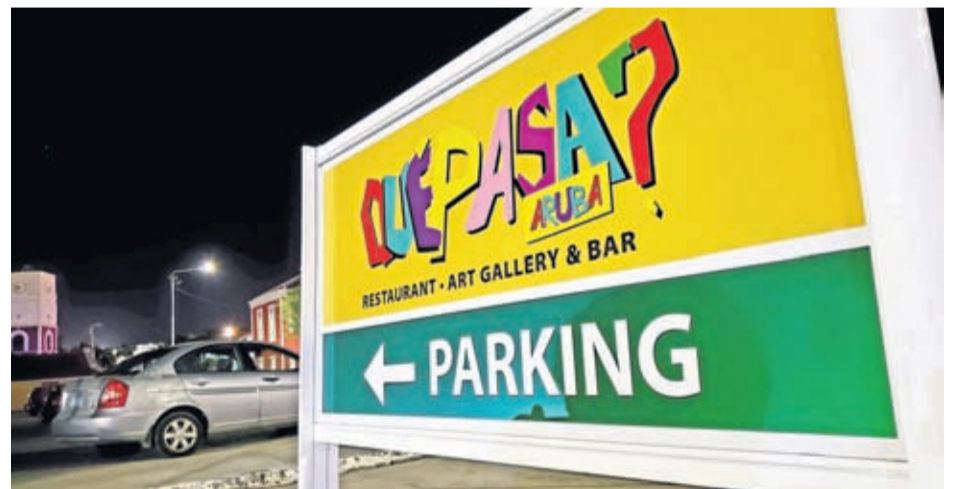
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By the way, Que Pasa is also announcing the opening of its newly created 'city patio'. The cozy patio with its amazing view is really cute and perfect for small groups. Ask your server whether he or she can show it to you, and we are sure that the location of your next birthday party, baby shower, special event or bachelor/bachelorette party will be at Que Pasa's city patio. Just have a look and you will be sold! ☐



Beach Volleyball to Help Local Community



EAGLE BEACH - Michelle Begin is from Ottawa, Canada, and is a truly loyal visitor of our Happy Island for the last 38 years. She is not the standard tourist though, Michelle, alias 'Ms. Canada,' has a heart for the people of Aruba. She dedicates her time here for raising funds for those who need support. "It makes me happy to see other people happy. To make a difference in somebody's life is my drive. I have always done charity work, I have the need to give. It's in my nature." Join her good-hearted initiative this Sunday, by participating in the 8th Annual Beach Volleyball Tournament at Eagle Beach. All funds raised will benefit several foundations and good causes.

The foundation Ambiente Feliz, a residential home for mentally disabled above 18-years-old is one of the beneficial foundations. The foundation contributed to the kitchen of Cas di Machi, a senior citizen home, and they bought football shoes and balls for the football club FC San Nicolas for their little ones. Mrs. Palmer & MS. Canada's Soup Kitchen receives donations to continue providing their delicious soups to those who do not have enough to fill their



stomachs. "Especially children are our target group, because there should be no child suffering from an empty stomach," says Michelle. By purchasing a ticket for the Beach Volleyball Tournament you support the above mentioned institutions, but MS has many more goals to achieve. Join hands in this tournament to support the local community and do good for those in need!

Generous Community

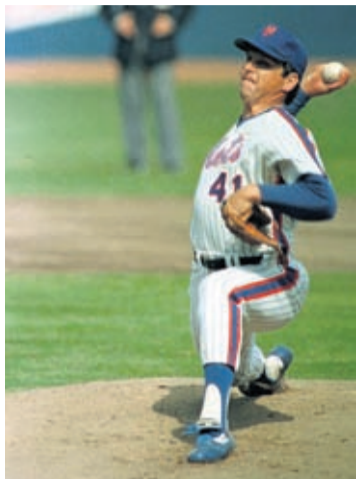
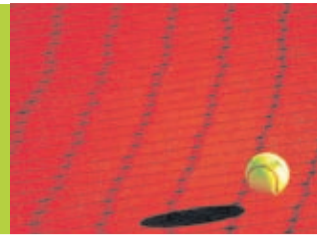
Michelle's story began when she fell in love with the island 38 years ago. "I came here for vacation and 31 years long I enjoyed the people, restaurants and beaches. I had no idea there was such a need in social aspect, I did not expect the poverty I encountered. We tourists do not go further than the high rise zone and that is a shame. If we just

give 1 percent of our vacation expenses to support good causes, we keep this island happy for everybody. Just see what you can do for seniors or children, don't close your eyes." For her it all changed when she participated in the Carnival Parade years ago. That's where she met the locals and realized there was a high need for support. "I did not know about the children's home Casa Cuna but my first year I bought for \$1,000 dollars clothes, toys and so on." She felt empowered and came up with the idea of the Beach Volley tournament. "I needed teams and put banners in hotels, I asked different organizations and businesses for food, snacks, and drinks. The sponsors are simply great. If I would have to have paid for all the catering, no money would have been left for the people. We have a generous community, thank God."

The Annual Beach Volleyball Tournament will take place Sunday, March 10th, 2019 at Eagle Beach, in front of La Cabana at 11 AM. There are attractive prizes to win. The presentation of the check and the prize drawing event will be April 10th at 6 PM at the Hard Rock Café. There is more information on the Facebook page at Ms Canada's Charity in Aruba or email michelle1begin@gmail.com. □



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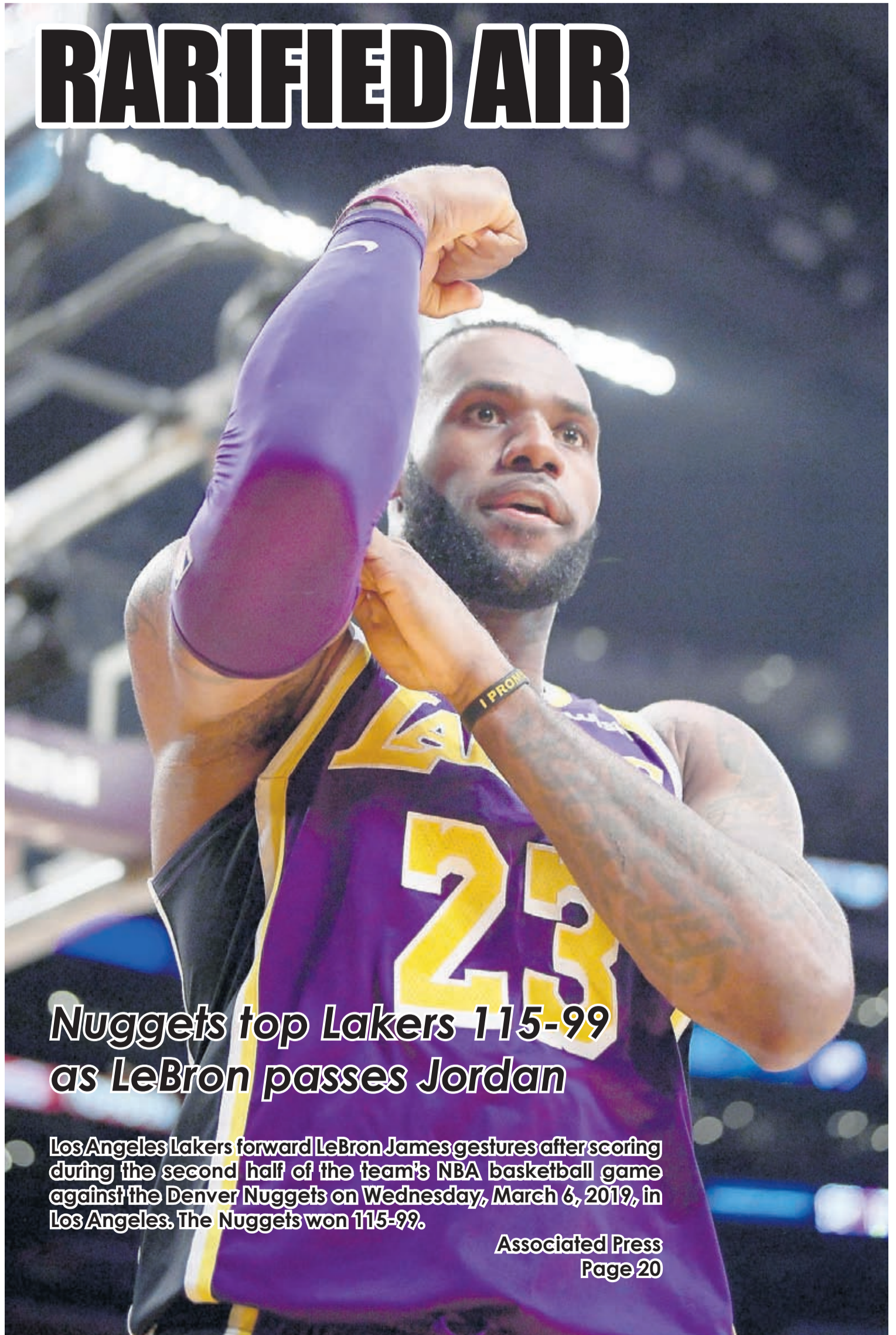


Mets great Tom Seaver diagnosed with dementia at 74

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver, the star of the Miracle Mets 1969 World Series championship team, has been diagnosed with dementia at age 74. His family made the announcement Thursday through the Hall and said Seaver has retired from public life and will continue to work at Seaver Vineyards, founded by the retired player and wife Nancy in 1998 on 116 acres at Diamond Mountain in the Calistoga region of California. Seaver has limited his public appearances in recent years. He didn't attend the Baseball Writers' Association of America dinner in January where members of the 1969 team were honored on the 50th anniversary of what still ranks among baseball's most unexpected title winners. A three-time NL Cy Young Award winner and the 1967 NL Rookie of the Year, Seaver was 311-205 with a 2.86 ERA, 3,640 strikeouts and 61 shutouts from 1967-86.

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Nuggets top Lakers 115-99 as LeBron passes Jordan

Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James gestures after scoring during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in Los Angeles. The Nuggets won 115-99.

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Cabrera Bello leads Bay Hill as Lefty salvages wild round

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Rafa Cabrera Bello had a Bay Hill debut to remember with a 7-under 65 for a two-shot lead while playing with Arnold Palmer's grandson. The entertainment, as usual, came from Phil Mickelson.

Back at the Arnold Palmer Invitational for the first time in six years, Mickelson capped off a wild round by nearly holing his approach from the 18th fairway for his seventh birdie on a round that will be remembered more for the shot Lefty tried to play right-handed.

"It didn't turn out the best," Mickelson said after rallying for a 68.

Thanks to the new Rules of Golf, it could have been worse.

Mickelson, who won at Bay Hill in 1997, was cruising along until his tee shot on the 10th hole went well to the left and settled under a mesh fence that was out-of-bounds, with just enough of the ball inside the stakes that he could try to play it. Of course, he did.

Standing on the other side of the fence, his best play was to invert a 9-iron and try to smash it right-handed through the mesh netting.

"I was able to get clear — I thought — clean contact on it from a right-handed shot perspective," he said. "I thought I hit it pretty good."

He looked up toward the green and was surprised to see the ball a few feet in front of him. By hitting the mesh fence, it rolled up and snagged the ball,

which eventually spit out of the fence and this time landed out-of-bounds. The old rule would have meant hitting his next shot

ally allowed him to move it one club length away. Mickelson was able to get that one to the front of the green, and he two-putted

Mickelson said. "I didn't want to play that shot again."

He didn't think the first shot was all that difficult, but he at least rallied with three birdies that left him three shots out of the lead.

"I've made a lot of doubles in my day," Mickelson said. "It's one more, it doesn't even hurt."

Keegan Bradley played bogey-free for a 67 in the morning, as did Cabrera Bello. Mickelson was in the group at 68 along with Graeme McDowell, Bubba Watson, Patrick Rodgers and Billy Horschel.

British Open champion Francesco Molinari made one of two aces on the day — the other belonged to D.A. Points — and was among those at 69.

Defending champion Rory McIlroy opened with a 72.

Cabrera Bello opened with four birdies in six holes in the morning chill, and he put together another run of birdies on the front nine that included consecutive putts from the 30-foot range. The rest of the Spaniard's putts were from 6 feet or closer.

"I really didn't know what to expect," Cabrera Bello said. "I know how nice and tough the course is and I think it's a course with many, many daunting shots. So I feel the more you play it, probably the better.

So I wasn't really having much high expectations as opposed to just getting out there and playing my golf." Saunders had a 73 and was along for the ride with Cabrera Bello, who capped off his round with a 10-foot par putt.

"Playing with Sam is always a pleasure, not because he's the grandson of Arnie but because of how nice of a guy he is," Cabrera Bello said. "Obviously, playing at Bay Hill with him I know how special this event is for all of us, I can only imagine how special it is for him."

Cabrera Bello is No. 34 in the world, winless since the Scottish Open in 2017.

McDowell was among the first tournament ambassadors after Palmer died as a longtime supporter at Bay Hill. This could be a big week for him in other ways.

The British Open returns to Northern Ireland this summer for the first time since 1951, and Bay Hill for the first time is part of the Open Qualifying Series. The top three players not already exempt from the top 10 at Bay Hill will get into Royal Portrush.

"I only found that out on Tuesday, to be honest with you," McDowell said. "But, listen, I'm focusing really on the big picture right now. I'm kind of the opinion that good golf will take care of the things that I want to take care of. And it's hard enough going out there trying to get your golf ball around 18 holes here at this great golf course and just trying to stay in the moment."

Justin Rose, who has a chance to return to No. 1 in the world this week, opened with a 71.

Jason Day, the last player to win at Bay Hill before Palmer died in 2016, withdrew after six holes because of a back injury. Day was coming off a three-week break. □



Rafa Cabrera Bello, of Spain, watches his shot from the 18th fairway during the first round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament Thursday, March 7, 2019, in Orlando, Fla.

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from the same spot under the fence. The new rule for a stroke-and-distance pen-

from 30 feet to salvage a double bogey.

"That definitely helped,"

Walters, Arnaus share 1st-round lead at Qatar Masters

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Justin Walters of South Africa and Spanish rookie Adri Arnaus mastered the tricky winds at the Doha Golf Club on Thursday to sit tied for the first-round lead at the Qatar Masters. Walters and Arnaus both carded a 5-under 67 to sit one shot clear of a group of seven players on a tightly packed lead-

erboard. Another 18 players shot a 69. "Warming up today in the wind I was thinking anything under par would be a great score, so to go five under I'm ecstatic," Walters said. "I wouldn't want to play in three more days of this. ... I came here today and thought 'another day in the wind,' so it's nice to get away with a

really good round and, as conditions improve, I hope to keep going the way I am." Arnaus eagled the 18th hole for the best opening round of his first European Tour season, while Walters had five birdies in a bogey-free round.

"It was a lot of fun," Arnaus said. "The wind picked up early but we kept the ball in

play most of the time and gave myself good looks. I was able to take advantage of those, so I'm pretty pleased." Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium, South African duo George Coetzee and Justin Harding, and Richie Ramsay of Scotland were among the players who were one stroke behind the leaders. Ramsay looked

set to take at least a share of the lead but had late back-to-back bogeys in an inconsistent round that started with an eagle and also included five birdies.

The final three players had their round suspended by darkness while on the last hole, including Lucas Herbert of Australia, who was on 3 under. □

Tom Seaver

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A five-time 20-game winner nicknamed Tom Terrific, Seaver was elected to the Hall in 1992 with a then-record 98.94 percent of the ballots, appearing on 425 of 430. His mark was surpassed in 2016 by Ken Griffey Jr. and this year by Mariano Rivera, the first unanimous selection.

Seaver pitched for the Mets from 1967 until 1977, when he was traded to Cincinnati after a public spat with Mets chairman M. Donald Grant.

"My biggest disappointment? Leaving the Mets the first time and the difficulties I had with the same people that led up to it," Seaver told The Associated Press ahead of his Hall induction in 1992. "But even that I look back at in a positive way now. It gave me the opportunity to work in different areas of the country."

He pitched his only no-hitter for the Reds in June 1978 against St. Louis and was traded back to New York after the 1982 season. But Mets general manager Frank Cashen blundered by leaving Seaver unprotected, and in January 1984 Seaver was claimed by the Chicago White Sox as free agent compensation.

While pitching for the White Sox, Seaver got his 300th win at Yankee Stadium, and he did it in style with a six-hitter in a 4-1 victory. He finished his career with Boston in 1986. He was a 12-time All-Star and led the major leagues with a 25-7 record in 1969 and with a 1.76 ERA in 1971.

Among baseball's worst teams from their expansion season in 1962, the Mets lost more than 100 games in five of their first six seasons and had never won more than 73 games in their first seven years. With cherished Brooklyn Dodgers star Gil Hodges as their manager, a young corps of pitchers led by Seaver, Jerry Koosman, Gary Gentry and a still-wild Nolan Ryan, and an offense that included Cleon Jones and

Tommy Agee, the Mets overtook the Chicago Cubs to win the NL East with a 100-62 record.

They swept Atlanta in the first NL Championship Series to reach the World Series against highly favored Baltimore, which had gone 109-53. Seaver lost the opener 4-1 in a matchup with Mike Cuellar, then pitched a 10-inning six-hitter to win Game 4, and the Mets won the title the following afternoon.

His most memorable moment on the mound was at Shea Stadium on July 9, 1969, when he retired his first 25 batters against the Chicago Cubs. Pinch-hitter Jimmy Qualls had a one-out single to left-center in the ninth before Seaver retired Willie Smith on a foulout and Don Kessinger on a flyout.



In this July 26, 2015, file photo, National Baseball Hall of Famer Tom Seaver arrives for an induction ceremony at the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown, N.Y.

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"I had every hitter doing what I wanted," Seaver recalled in 1992. "Afterward, my wife was in tears and I remember saying to her: 'Hey, I pitched a one-hit shutout with 10 strikeouts. What more could I ask for?'"

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Denver beats Lakers; James tops Jordan on career points list

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Will Barton scored 23 points, Gary Harris added 19 and the Denver Nuggets snapped their three-game losing streak with a 115-99 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night despite LeBron James' move into fourth place on the NBA's career scoring list.

James scored 31 points and surpassed Michael Jordan's 32,292 career points on a driving layup during the second quarter. His Lakers erased most an early 23-point deficit before fading in the fourth quarter of their fourth consecutive loss.

Denver (43-21) blew all but two points of its huge early lead, but Harris and Nikola Jokic contributed key baskets down the stretch of the Nuggets' first win of March. Jamal Murray scored 19 points and Jokic had 12 points, 17 rebounds and eight assists for the Nuggets, who had lost four straight to the Lakers on the road despite their growth into an elite NBA team during that time period.

JaVale McGee added 16 points for the Lakers, who played without injured starters Brandon Ingram, Kyle Kuzma and Lonzo Ball. James now trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387 points), Karl Malone (36,928) and Kobe Bryant (33,643).

HEAT 91, HORNETS 84

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kelly Olynyk had 22 points and 11 rebounds, Hassan Whiteside added 18 points and 15 rebounds off the bench and Miami beat Charlotte to break a tie for the eighth spot in the Eastern Conference.

Olynyk was 8 of 14 from the field, including 5 of 7 from beyond the 3-point arc as Miami won its third straight game.

Dwyane Wade had a rough night shooting, going 4 of 15 from the field and missed both free-throw attempts. He finished with eight points and six assists. After the game, Charlotte's Kemba Walker exchanged jerseys with Wade at mid-



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James dunks during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in Los Angeles. The Nuggets won 115-99.

court.

Walker and Frank Kaminsky each scored 20 points for Charlotte. Cody Zeller finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

BULLS 108, 76ERS 107

CHICAGO (AP) — Zach LaVine scored 39 points and hit the go-ahead layup in the closing seconds to lead Chicago to wild win over Philadelphia.

LaVine scored 13 in the fourth quarter as the Bulls wiped out a 10-point deficit in a game that featured two endings.

The Bulls trailed 107-106 with 4.8 seconds remaining when LaVine inbounded to Lopez and got fouled as he cut past Mike Scott for the go-ahead layup with 1.6 seconds remaining.

LaVine missed the free throw, but the Bulls came away with the win after one more twist. He broke up Ben Simmons' inbounds pass to Butler underneath the 76ers' basket. Both teams left the court and fans started to file out of the

arena. The problem was, the horn sounded before anyone touched the ball.

After a review, the referees put 0.5 seconds back on the clock. But with one more chance, Philadelphia came up short when the inbounds pass skipped off Butler's hands.

Butler scored 22 points in his second game against his former team. Simmons had 18 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Sixers, who are 4-3 since the All-Star break, with All-Star center Joel Embiid sidelined by a sore left knee.

SUNS 107, KNICKS 96

PHOENIX (AP) — Devin Booker scored a season-high 41 points and Phoenix rolled to its fourth victory in five games.

Booker made 14 of 23 shots, including six of 10 3-pointers, and the Suns (15-51) took over after a slow start in a matchup of the teams with the NBA's worst records.

Kelly Oubre Jr. added 18 points and Tyler Johnson 14

for the Suns, who have won three straight.

DeAndre Jordan led the Knicks with 17 points, and Noah Vonleh, Damyean Dotson and Dennis Smith Jr. added 15 each.

WIZARDS 132, MAVERICKS 123

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bradley Beal dunked over 7-foot-2 Salah Mejri and then stared him down in the most dramatic part of a 30-point performance as Washington beat Dallas.

Beal added eight assists and seven rebounds as Washington beat Dallas at home after losing nine in a row when hosting the Mavericks. Trevor Ariza scored 22 and Jabari Parker 20 for the Wizards.

Rookie Luka Doncic had 31 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Mavs. Dwight Powell made 11 of 12 shots and scored a career-high 26 points, while contributing 10 rebounds.

PISTONS 131, TIMBERWOLVES 114

DETROIT (AP) — Andre Drummond had 31 points and 15 rebounds and surging Detroit beat Minnesota. Drummond posted his 16th straight double-double — the second-longest streak in franchise history. He set the record with 18 last season. Luke Kennard added 21 points for the Pistons (32-31), who moved above .500 for the first time since they got to 15-14 by beating the Timberwolves in overtime on Dec. 19. Detroit has won 10 of 12, including six straight at home.

Minnesota (30-35) has lost four of five. Karl-Anthony Towns scored 24 points before fouling out.

SPURS 111, HAWKS 104

ATLANTA (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 32 points and San Antonio pulled away from Atlanta in the closing minutes for its fourth straight victory.

Derrick White scored seven straight points, putting San Antonio ahead to stay with a 3-pointer before hitting two straight shots in the lane. He finished with 18 points and nine assists.

Trae Young led the Hawks with 24 points but made only eight of 24 shots, go-

ing 1 for 7 from beyond the arc. John Collins returned to the Hawks lineup after missing three games with flu-like symptoms. He had 18 points and 10 rebounds in 25 minutes.

NETS 113, CAVALIERS 107

NEW YORK (AP) — Spencer Dinwiddie scored 12 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and Brooklyn beat Cleveland for its second straight win.

D'Angelo Russell added 25 points for the Nets. Kevin Love had 24 points and 16 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who had won four of six since that loss to the Nets in the final game before the All-Star break. David Nwaba added 22 points.

JAZZ 114, PELICANS 104

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Derrick Favors scored 25 points, Rudy Gobert added 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Utah beat New Orleans for the second time this season

Donovan Mitchell had 22 points, and Joe Ingles had 10 points and 10 assists for the Jazz, who exacted a measure of revenge for the Pelicans' surprising comeback victory in Utah on Monday night.

Julius Randle scored 23 points for the Pelicans, who had won their previous three games — all on the road — before seeing their streak end in their return home. Anthony Davis scored 16 points and blocked two shots in 21 minutes. Jrue Holiday also scored 16.

CELTICS 111, KINGS 109

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gordon Hayward made up for a costly foul by hitting a tiebreaking shot with 2 seconds to play that helped Boston overcome the absence of injured star Kyrie Irving in a win over Sacramento.

Jayson Tatum led Boston with 24 points, Al Horford had 21 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists, and Hayward finished with 12 points. Boston had lost five of six before beginning this trip. Harrison Barnes scored 24 points and Buddy Hield added 23 for the Kings, who have lost four of five. □

Holtby gets 250th win, Capitals beat Flyers 5-3

By The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Alex Ovechkin and Nicklas Backstrom each had a goal and an assist, and Braden Holtby got his 250th career win as the Washington Capitals beat the Philadelphia Flyers 5-3 Wednesday night to reclaim sole possession of first place in the Metropolitan Division.

Brett Connolly, Tom Wilson and Andre Burakovsky also scored for the Capitals, who won their fifth straight and seventh in the last eight. Washington began the night tied with the Islanders atop the division. Ovechkin moved one point from reaching 1,200 for his career. He will become the third active player and 49th all-time to reach the mark. Holtby stopped 27 shots.

Claude Giroux had a goal and an assist, and Scott Laughton and Philippe Myers also scored for the Flyers, whose rally from a 5-0 deficit fell short. Philadelphia had won 16 of 21 to close within reach of a postseason spot after sinking to the NHL's worst record in January. The Flyers remained seven points out of the second wild card in the Eastern Conference.

CANUCKS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 2, OT
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Washington Capitals' Braden Holtby deflects the puck with his board during the second period of an NHL hockey game against the Philadelphia Flyers, Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in Philadelphia. The Capitals won 5-3.

lumbia (AP) — Alex Edler scored 3:11 into overtime as Vancouver rallied past Toronto. Loui Eriksson and Josh Leivo also scored for the Canucks, who trailed 2-0 after two periods and snapped a three-game skid. Adam Gaudette had two assists and Jacob Markstrom stopped 28 shots.

Morgan Rielly and Ron Hainsey had goals for the Maple Leafs, who lost when

leading after two periods for the first time this season. Frederik Anderston finished with 29 saves.

BLUES 5, DUCKS 4 ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Robert Thomas and Alex Pietrangelo scored 12 seconds apart late in the third period, and St. Louis rallied to beat Anaheim.

Thomas got his second goal of the game with 1:04 left on the rebound of a

loose shot and Pietrangelo rifled a shot through traffic for the game-winner with 52 seconds remaining for his 12th goal of the season. Pietrangelo, Brayden Schenn and Ryan O'Reilly each had a goal and an assist for St. Louis, which has won 14 of its last 18 games. Vladimir Tarasenko and Colton Parayko each had two assists and Jordan Binnington stopped 23 shots.

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Jaycob Megna had a goal and an assist for Anaheim while Nick Ritchie, Rickard Rakell and Adam Henrique also scored. Rookie Troy Terry had three assists and John Gibson made 28 saves.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2, FLAMES 1

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Deryk Engelland scored his second goal of the season in the third period to lift Vegas. Shea Theodore also scored for the Golden Knights and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 33 shots for his league-leading 33rd win of the season. Vegas pulled seven points behind second-place San Jose in the Pacific Division and 10 behind first-place Calgary. The Golden Knights have won five straight since acquiring Mark Stone from Ottawa at the NHL trade deadline. Fleury, who recorded back-to-back shutouts in his previous two starts, tied Jacques Plante for eighth on the NHL's all-time wins list with his 437th victory. The 15-year veteran netminder has allowed just one goal in his last 228 minutes, 43 seconds. Travis Hamonic scored Calgary's lone goal, while Rittich made 36 saves. Rittich, who dropped to 22-7-5, is 10-3-2 since Dec. 31. □

NTSB blames jammed part for accident at Michigan airport

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

A plane carrying the University of Michigan basketball team had already reached the critical speed at which pilots could no longer stop it on the runway. The captain abandoned the takeoff anyway, surprising the pilot in the next seat.

The plane hurtled 950 feet (290 meters) past the end of the runway, tore through a chain-link fence and crossed a paved road before stopping.

The captain's last-second decision to abort the takeoff in the 2016 incident might have prevented a disaster, safety officials said Thursday.

"These two pilots did every-



In this March 8, 2017, file photo, emergency personnel work at the scene after a plane carrying the Michigan men's basketball team slid off a runway during an aborted takeoff at Willow Run Airport, in Ypsilanti, Mich.

thing right after things started to go very wrong," said Robert Sumwalt, the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

In its report on the accident in Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, the board deter-

mined that a jammed part prevented pilots from tilting the nose of their MD-83 jet upward during takeoff. The pilots, however, had no way of knowing that until they were speeding down the runway at 158 mph (254 kph), the board concluded.

The 110 passengers and six crew members used emergency chutes to escape, although one slide failed to inflate. One passenger suffered minor injuries.

The plane, operated by Ameristar Charters, was heavily damaged.

After the accident, the pilots faced criticism for aborting the takeoff after the plane reached the speed at which pilots must

commit to take off — or almost certainly overshoot the runway even with heavy braking.

The captain, Mark Radloff, told investigators that when he tried to tilt the plane upward it felt heavy, as if there were a stack of bricks on the nose.

"This thing is not flying," Radloff said to Andreas Gruseus, who was instructing Radloff on the plane. Radloff saw a chain-link fence in the distance and didn't think the plane could clear it.

"Abort, abort, abort," he called out.

Later, Gruseus told Radloff he wasn't supposed to abandon the takeoff at such a high speed. □



In this Feb. 3, 2019, file photo, New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick walks the sideline during the second half of the team's NFL Super Bowl 53 football game against the Los Angeles Rams in Atlanta.

Associated Press

Patriots' Super Bowl DVD a celebration of Belichick, dynasty

By **JOE REEDY**
AP Sports Writer

NFL Films is no stranger to producing films commemorating a Super Bowl title for the New England Patriots. When it came time to tell the story of the Patriots' sixth championship, they found that tying it into the past five was the best route. The final product is a 75-minute DVD that shows how the Patriots' road to their third title the past five years had many of the trademarks of past championship New England squads. The DVD was released to the public by Cinedigm on Tuesday.

The video starts with the final play of Super Bowl 52, when the Patriots lost to the Philadelphia Eagles, and ends with New England celebrating in Super Bowl 53. "You are always looking for what fuels a champion

and tells a great story," said NFL Films senior producer Todd Schmidt. "They started 1-2 and everyone wrote them off, but then got momentum late in the season. That type of story is a lot of fun." Schmidt said the main job for the producers who work on these projects is how to use the games to tell the story of the season and the arc that the team eventually reached. For the Patriots there was the additional storyline of how does a dynasty respond to adversity? Senior producer Rob Gill, a Massachusetts native, was responsible for compiling the Patriots' season highlights as the production process ramped up after the AFC championship game. Schmidt said some of the best parts of the video are getting to hear coach Bill Belichick interact with his team.

"Anytime you have Belichick wired up and you can see inside the greatest dynasty in NFL history, it is interesting story telling," he said. Schmidt said Belichick talking to the defense during the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl, and talking plainly on what they needed to be successful, was one of the best parts about

him being wired. After the Patriots scored to take a 10-3 lead in the fourth quarter, Belichick told his defense "we don't have much left here. We've got to get them right. . They really can't beat us. We just can't screw up." The Super Bowl takes up 17 minutes of the video. Schmidt, like many others, said he was concerned after the game how they were going to fill the time because there was not much scoring. But as they started to look at the footage, those concerns abated. "You would expect a lot more larger shots, but what we did was focus on the speed and sound of the game, which was captivating. Instead of slow footage, we have fast footage," Schmidt said. "The time passed quick because we accentuated the sound and did not slight the drama. People aren't going to say it was a boring recap."

Besides the Patriots' season highlights, the DVD also includes features from Super Bowl opening night and post-game ceremonies. There are also features recapping the season around the rest of the NFL. □



In this March 15, 2016 file photo, Aliy Zirkle drives her dog team to the finish line of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Nome, Alaska.

Associated Press

Frenchman Nicolas Petit retakes lead in Alaska's Iditarod

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Frenchman Nicolas Petit is back in the lead in Alaska's Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Petit had earlier led the 1,000-mile (1,600-kilometer) race and retook the top spot Thursday. He was first to leave the checkpoint at the ghost town of Iditarod, the halfway point of this year's race.

He left with all 14 of his dogs.

In second place is Aliy (AL'-ee) Zirkle. The three-time second-place finisher was in the lead earlier Thursday, when she was first to reach the Iditarod checkpoint.

For that feat, she picks up some swag. She can decide between \$3,000 in gold nuggets or a top-end cellphone with free service for a year.

In third place is defending champion Joar Ulsom of Norway. □

Olympic medalist Daniel Rudisha, father of David, dies at 73

By **MUTWIRI MUTUOTA**
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Daniel Rudisha, an Olympic silver-medalist runner in 1968 and the father of two-time Olympic 800-meter champion David Rudisha, has died. He was 73.

David Rudisha made the announcement on Thursday, saying his father had a heart attack on Wednesday while undergoing dialysis treatment. The elder Rudisha had struggled with diabetes for many years and had been in the intensive care unit this week.

"Our beloved father sadly left us last night," David Rudisha said. "He had recovered and was on his way to fine health having been taken off the in-

tensive care unit. He was speaking well and joking as usual while undergoing his dialysis treatment but at around 11 p.m. he suffered a sudden heart attack.

David Rudisha, a world record-holder and two-time world champion in the 800, often referred to his father as his inspiration. He gave his dad his first gold medal from the 2012 London Olympics, when he set the current world record. David posted pictures of himself and his father on Twitter this week. The Kenyan track federation said Daniel Rudisha was a "pioneer" for Kenyan athletics.

"(He) set the foundation for the current crop of athletes," Athletics Kenya said. □



New-look NL East suddenly baseball's deepest division

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) —

For years, the NL East has been soft as a bunt single. Not anymore.

Even before Bryce Harper decided to stay inside the division, four of the five teams spent this offseason swinging for the fences. In addition to defending champion Atlanta, the New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies and Washington Nationals all have enough firepower to potentially contend for the playoffs.

"This is probably going to be the stiffest competition in a division race in my career," Nationals ace Max Scherzer said at spring training.

It's certainly a noticeable transformation.

In the past eight seasons, the NL East has won a grand total of two playoff series and produced one pennant winner — with the 2015 Mets responsible for the entirety of that October success.

Two years ago, Washington finished a whopping 20 games in front, and no other team in the division was better than 77-85.

Last season, Atlanta rolled to a surprise title at 90-72, the fewest wins of any post-season participant. No other NL East squad did better than two games above .500.

Miami has endured nine straight losing seasons. Philadelphia hasn't been a winner since 2011. New York's last 10 years, two winning records.

But now, an influx of talent and a cavalcade of new faces have the division shaping up as a force for years to come.

By the looks of it, the NL East is suddenly a beast.

"I don't think there's another division harder right now. Every team is pretty much loaded," Phillies outfielder Nick Williams said.

This winter alone:

Atlanta signed third baseman Josh Donaldson, the 2015 AL MVP.

New York acquired five recent All-Stars in Robinson Cano, Edwin Diaz, Jeurys



In this Saturday, March 2, 2019 file photo, Bryce Harper speaks during a news conference at the Philadelphia Phillies spring training baseball facility in Clearwater, Fla.

Familia, Jed Lowrie and Wilson Ramos.

Washington spent \$140 million to plug Patrick Corbin into an imposing rotation that already featured Scherzer and Stephen Strasburg.

And the Phillies plucked away two big stars from division rivals, trading with Miami for catcher J.T. Realmuto and luring Harper from the Nationals with a record \$330 million contract.

"It's almost like the AL East — great pitching, great lineups 1 through 9. But that's what you live for. You want to face the best," Braves All-Star pitcher Mike Foltynewicz said.

"People took us a little lightly last year and now we're the ones kind of getting chased. But no panic but-ton or anything.

We made great moves before everyone started going haywire," he added. "It's kind of cool to see that we might have stirred it up for these guys."

Even the less-heralded

moves showed all four organizations were serious about winning right away. Atlanta brought back veteran catcher Brian McCann and re-signed All-Star outfielder Nick Markakis. The busy Mets added reliever Justin Wilson and outfielder Keon Broxton, among others, significantly improving their bullpen, bench and overall depth under new general manager Brodie Van Wagenen. Washington boosted its relief corps with Kyle Barraclough and Trevor Rosenthal, secured a pair of first-string catchers in Yan Gomes and Kurt Suzuki, and addressed issues on the right side of the infield with Brian Dozier and Matt Adams. Anibal Sanchez was signed away from Atlanta for the back of the rotation.

Philadelphia paid \$50 million for 2013 NL MVP Andrew McCutchen, another \$23 million for late-inning reliever David Robertson, and traded for two-time All-Star shortstop Jean Segura.

"It seemed like every other week the Mets, the Phillies, the Nationals were signing someone or trading for someone," Braves slugger Freddie Freeman said.

With only the young Marlins, in the early stages of their massive rebuild, expected to struggle (again) this season, the NL East appears to pack uncommon depth.

As more and more clubs strip down and reboot with unproven prospects, the division is the only one in the majors with four teams forecast to have winning records in the PECOTA projections on Baseball Prospectus. Philadelphia and Washington are pegged for 89 wins, with the Mets at 87 and Braves 84. The prediction for Miami is 67.

"It's definitely beefed up," Mets pitcher Zack Wheeler said. "Everybody's gotten better."

"I think there's a lot of teams in our division ready to win. I hate saying that because everybody should be ready to win. But you know, once one team adds somebody,

if you're the other teams you've sort of got to top that," he explained.

"When they add a bullpen guy you've got to add a bullpen guy to get better, stay ahead."

It's not as if the NL East was starved for talent before.

Mets right-hander Jacob deGrom won the NL Cy Young Award last season, beating out three-time Cy Young winner Scherzer and Phillies ace Aaron Nola.

Atlanta outfielder Ronald Acuna Jr. and Washington counterpart Juan Soto ran 1-2 in Rookie of the Year voting.

And every team has touted minor leaguers now in play, including Pete Alonso (Mets), Victor Robles (Nationals) and Mike Soroka (Braves).

"It looks like a really tough division. Whoever comes out of that is going to be battle-tested," Mets outfielder Brandon Nimmo said.

"I think you just go ahead and look at the starting pitching around this division and you see right away that every single at-bat is going to be a battle. It definitely is something that's empowering, no doubt, and gives you a lot of confidence that people look at your division and think very highly of it.

But again, it just means that every game is going to be a dogfight."

One thing the NL East wasn't lacking all these years was heated rivalries, which should only grow more intense.

And if the Braves, Mets, Nationals and Phillies knock each other around all season, maybe the division will be decided by which team beats up on the Marlins the most.

"Obviously with Bryce going to the Phillies, I think a lot of people lean toward them as being kind of the favorite in our division, but to me the Nationals are really good," Miami manager Don Mattingly said.

"This division got really good quick, which is good. I think it's good for us, actually. There's gonna be some black and blue." □

Can Zuckerberg really make a privacy-friendly Facebook?

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

After building a social network that turned into a surveillance system, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg says he's shifting his company's focus to messaging services designed to serve as fortresses of privacy.

Instead of just being the network that connects everyone, Facebook wants to encourage small groups of people to carry on encrypted conversations that neither Facebook nor any



In this April 11, 2018, file photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg pauses while testifying before a House Energy and Commerce hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington about the use of Facebook data to target American voters in the 2016 election and data privacy.

that Facebook has become so powerful — even a threat to democracy as well as to people's privacy — that it needs to be reined in by tougher regulations or even a corporate breakup. But unraveling Facebook could become more difficult if Zuckerberg can successfully stitch together the messaging services behind an encrypted wall.

"I see that as the goal of this entire thing," said Blake Reid, a University of Colorado law professor who specializes in technology and policy. He said Facebook could tell antitrust authorities that WhatsApp, Instagram Direct and Facebook Messenger are tied so tightly together that it couldn't unwind them.

Combining the three services also lets Facebook build more complete data profiles on all of its users. Already, businesses can already target Facebook and Instagram users with the same ads, and marketing campaigns are likely coming to WhatsApp eventually. Facebook's focus on messaging privacy raises other concerns. Messaging apps have in the past helped fake news and rumors spread fast, sometimes with deadly consequences. A report from University of Oxford researchers last year found evidence of widespread disinformation campaigns on chat applications like WhatsApp. In one particularly brutal example, the Indian government last year accused WhatsApp of fueling rumors that led to lynchings and mob violence that wounded dozens.

Facebook responded by restricting the number of groups to which a message could be forwarded and labeling forwarded messages as such. On Wednesday, Zuckerberg said that Facebook needs to protect both privacy and safety as it encrypted messaging services, although he noted to an "inherent trade-off" between security and safety, simply because Facebook won't be able to read encrypted conversations. □

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other outsider can read. It also plans to let messages automatically disappear, a feature pioneered by its rival Snapchat that could limit the risks posed by a trail of social media posts that follow people throughout their lives.

It's a major bet by Zuckerberg, who sees it as a way to push Facebook more firmly into a messaging market that's growing faster than its main social networking business. It might also help Facebook ward off government regulators, although the Facebook CEO made clear that he expects the company's messaging business to complement, not replace, its core businesses.

But there are plenty of obstacles. Facebook has weathered more than two years of turbulence for repeated privacy lapses, spreading disinformation, allowing Russian agents to conduct targeted propaganda campaigns and a rising tide of hate speech and abuse. Zuckerberg submitted to two days of grilling on Capitol Hill last April. All that increases the challenge of convincing users that Facebook really means it about privacy this time.

Encrypted conversations could alleviate some of

those problems, but it could make others worse. Security is an "admirable goal," said Forrester Research analyst Fatemeh Khatibloo. "I'm just not sure it addresses the bigger issues Facebook is facing right now." Facebook grew into a colossus by vacuuming up people's information in every possible way and dissecting it to shoot targeted ads back at them. Anything that jeopardizes that machine could pose a major threat to the company's share price, which would also affect its ability to attract and retain talented engineers and other employees.

In a Wednesday interview with The Associated Press, Zuckerberg predicted Facebook's emphasis on privacy will do more to help the company's business than hurt it. While most of the stock market slipped in Wednesday trading, Facebook's shares gained \$1.25 to close at \$172.51.

The Facebook CEO has been telegraphing some of these changes to investors for the past six months, but his Wednesday blog post is the first time he has explained the idea to the more than two billion people that use Facebook's services and look at its ads. Those ads are expected to

generate \$67 billion in revenue this year, according to the research firm eMarketer.

If everything falls into place, Facebook will also display similar advertising on the privacy-protected messaging services. Those services are also likely to offer other moneymaking features, such as a digital wallet, as Facebook attempts to build something similar to Tencent's popular WeChat service in Asia.

"If you think about your life, you probably spend more time communicating privately than publicly," Zuckerberg said during the AP interview. "The overall opportunity here is a lot larger than what we have built in terms of Facebook and Instagram."

That's far from proven. While Facebook has already tried to show ads in the Messenger app, it's seen only limited success. It hasn't even tested the concept in WhatsApp since it acquired that service for \$22 billion in 2014.

"There are some huge unknowns about how successful Facebook is going to be rolling advertising into a more private messaging environment," said eMarketer analyst Debra Aho Williamson.

Some critics are convinced

After a decade of doubts, the stock market's bull chugs on

By STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The bull market for U.S. stocks turns 10 years old this weekend, which puts it way past senior citizen status for a market run. It's got the scars to prove it.

Since rising from the rubble of the financial crisis in 2009, this bull market has faced several near-death experiences. Worries about everything from debt problems in Europe to the global trade war have nearly derailed it at various points over the past decade.

But in each instance, the market steadied itself before notching a 20 percent loss, a reversal that would have turned the bull market into a bear. It sustained itself even as other investments, such as oil and stocks from other countries, long ago fell into their own bear markets.

"It's been one bull run, but there have been stages to it," said Michael Cuggino, portfolio manager and president of Permanent Portfolio Family of Funds. "Because of that, it's been harder to kill off, and it's had a better run than you'd expect."

This bull market has rewarded the faithful with a return of more than 400 percent, including dividends. Even investors who bought S&P 500 index funds at the 2007 peak and subsequently lost more than half their money now have more than double what they started with. That is, as long as they resisted the urge to sell each time skeptics said the bull was ready to collapse.

Here's a look at some of the biggest hurdles the market overcame during the last 10 years:

— Don't "double dip"

Through the first year of the bull market, stocks shot nearly straight up, surging about 75 percent in a little more than 12 months. Investors were hopeful for what's known as a "V-shaped" recovery, where the upward move would be a mirror image of the terrifying downturn that preceded it.



In this Aug. 24, 2015, file photo a television screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange displays market news as world stock markets plunged after China's main index sank 8.5 percent.

Associated Press

But by the spring of 2010, markets had a new concern: Could Greece pay its bills? Greece's economy was small, but the worry was that its debt problems could spill over into the global economy. The 2008 financial meltdown had clearly and painfully demonstrated how interwoven markets had become.

Mixed data on the U.S. economy also raised concerns, and investors were talking about a "double-dip recession," where the economy would fall back into contraction soon after the 2007-09 Great Recession. The unemployment rate at the time was still above 9 percent (versus 4 percent in January 2019).

— A chaotic week in 2011
By the summer of 2011, investors' worries about Europe's debt problems had spread beyond Greece to Spain, Italy and other countries around the European periphery. The U.S. economy, meanwhile, was still considered fragile, and the unemployment rate remained around 9 percent. In August, Standard & Poor's stripped the U.S. government of its "AAA" credit rating, and the wildest week in Wall Street's history got underway. The S&P 500 had swings of 4 percent on four straight days, each time in a different direction.

The bull market nearly expired during that week: At its lowest point, the S&P 500 had lost nearly 18 percent from a prior peak set in April of that year. By October 2011, it was down 19.4 percent.

— CHINA TAKES CENTER STAGE

During this bull market, China overtook Japan to become the world's second-largest economy. More importantly, China provided much of the momentum for a global economy that was desperate for growth following the Great Recession.

With Europe struggling and Japan seemingly in the doldrums, U.S. com-

panies increasingly depended on China's surging economy and middle class for growth. At Apple, for example, sales in the China region grew 92 percent over the company's last five fiscal years, nearly double the 48 percent rate of growth for all of Apple's other markets combined.

U.S. stocks buckled in the summer of 2015 and at the turn of 2016 as China's torrid growth slowed. The country's economy grew 6.9 percent in 2015, a still-high rate but the slowest in 25 years. The price of oil was also plunging at the time, which more than halved earnings for big energy companies.

— TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING?

In early 2018, stocks were surging because both the economy and corporate profits looked strong.

But in February, a report showed that workers' wages rose more than economists expected. That sounds like a good thing, but investors grew nervous that higher labor costs would erode corporate profits. It also increased the chance of the Federal Reserve getting more aggressive about raising interest rates to forestall a surge in inflation.

Since the Great Recession, low rates engineered by the Fed had helped to lift corporate profits and the stock market, and investors feared losing that huge pillar of support.

— RATES, RECESSION AND TRADE

As 2018 came to a close, many fears converged to bring the bull market the closest it's come to death over the last 10 years.

Investors were fearful the Fed's policy of gradual interest rate increases would put the brakes on the U.S. economy. China's growth was slowing, and it was locked in a trade dispute with the United States.

Other economies around the world were weakening as well. By Christmas Eve, the S&P 500 had dropped 19.8 percent from its record set in September. □

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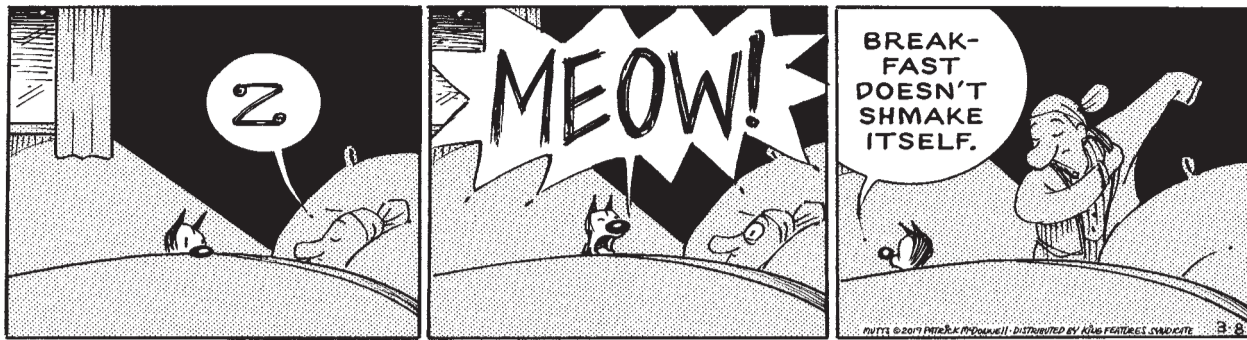
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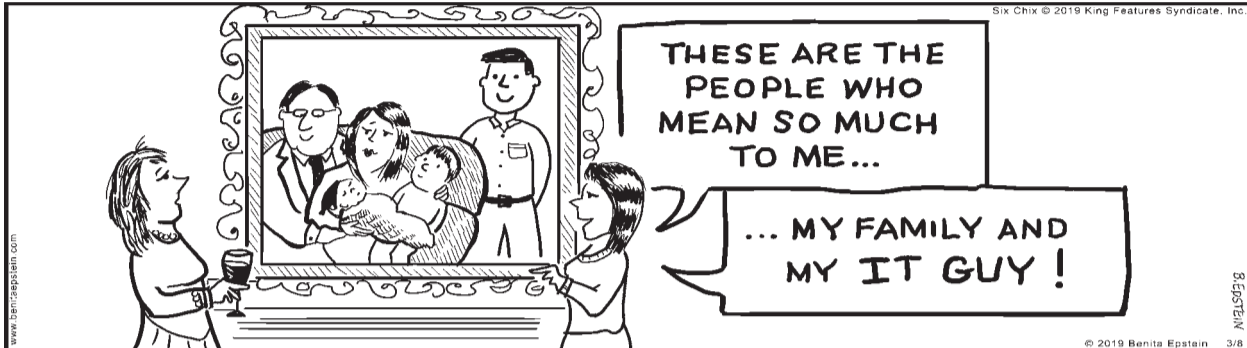
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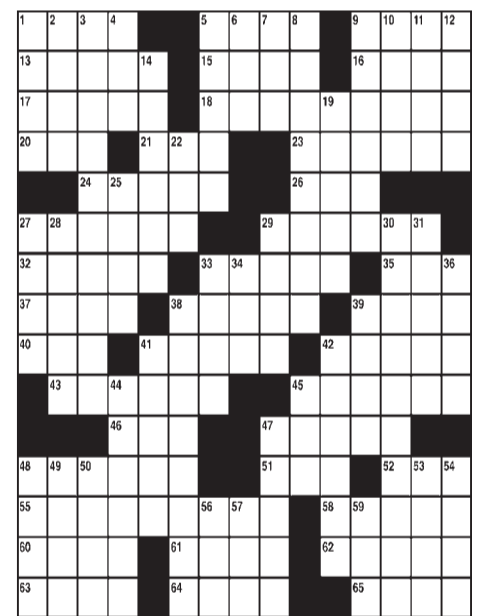
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- 5 Flying saucers, for short
- 9 Sty meal
- 13 Foreboding signs
- 15 Four and five
- 16 Old Roman garb
- 17 Competitor
- 18 Ship's right side
- 20 Ike's initials
- 21 Crude mineral
- 23 Wears away
- 24 Berth under another
- 26 Unpleasant spouse
- 27 Made amends
- 29 Divide in two
- 32 Playful leap
- 33 BBQ attachments
- 35 Blood analysis site
- 37 "___ Land Is Your Land"
- 38 Devoutness
- 39 Tricycle rider
- 40 Family member
- 41 Burn slightly
- 42 ___ away; disappears
- 43 Holiday drink
- 45 Museum guide
- 46 ___ into; collided with
- 47 Desires
- 48 Flee
- 51 Peculiar
- 52 Defective product
- 55 Mentor
- 58 Conscious
- 60 Brass instrument
- 61 Singer Springfield
- 62 U.S. state capital
- 63 "You ___ live once!"
- 64 ___ up; arranges
- 65 Loch with a monster

DOWN

- 1 "Mum's the ___"
- 2 Surrounded by
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- 4 "Message ___ Bottle"; Kevin Costner film
- 5 Racer Al
- 6 In good physical shape
- 7 "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
- 8 Calmness
- 9 Larry or Moe
- 10 Take a ___ off; sit down
- 11 Bogeyman
- 12 Cushions
- 14 Not as quick
- 19 Candlestick material
- 22 Blushing
- 25 Dollar bills
- 27 ___ up; misbehaves
- 28 Lake near Reno
- 29 "Don't let the bedbugs ___"
- 30 Scottish draft horse
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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U.S. plans end to wolf protections; critics say it's premature

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Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — U.S. wildlife officials plan to lift protections for gray wolves across the Lower 48 states, re-igniting the legal battle over a predator that's running into conflicts with farmers and ranchers as its numbers rebound in some regions.

The proposal would give states the authority to hold wolf hunting and trapping seasons. It was announced Wednesday by acting Interior Secretary David Bernhardt at a wildlife conference in Denver.

Wolves had previously lost federal protections in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, where hunters and trappers now kill hundreds of the animals annually.

Wildlife advocates and some members of Congress reacted with outrage to the latest proposal and promised to challenge any final decision in court.

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"We don't have any confidence that wolves will be managed like other wildlife," she said.

But government officials countered that the recovery of wolves from widespread extermination last century has worked and they no longer need the Endangered Species Act to shield them.

"Recovery of the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act is one of our nation's great conservation successes, with the wolf joining other cherished species, such as the bald



In this April 11, 2018 file photo, a gray wolf stands at the Osborne Nature Wildlife Center south of Elkader, Iowa.

eagle, that have been brought back from the brink," U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman Gavin Shire said in an emailed statement.

Agriculture groups and lawmakers from Western states are likely to support the administration's proposal.

Long despised by farmers and ranchers, wolves were shot, trapped and poisoned out of existence in most of the U.S. by the mid-20th century.

They received endangered species protections in 1975, when there were about 1,000 left, only in northern Minnesota. Now more than 5,000 of the animals live in the contiguous U.S.

Most are in the Western Great Lakes and Northern Rockies regions.

Protections for the Northern Rockies population were lifted in 2011. State officials and government biologists say the region's wolves have continued to thrive despite pressure from hunt-

ing. The animals are prolific breeders and can adapt to a variety of habitats.

Wildlife advocates want federal protections kept in place until wolves repopulate more of a historical range that stretched across most of North America.

Since being reintroduced in Yellowstone National park and central Idaho in the mid-1990s, the Northern Rockies population has expanded to parts of Oregon,

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Washington and California. Those states so far have not allowed hunting, despite growing pressure from ranchers whose livestock herds have been attacked. The Fish and Wildlife Service has argued for years that gray wolves have recovered in the lower 48 states, despite experts who contend they occupy only about 15 percent of the territory they once roamed. Agency officials insist the

recovery of wolves everywhere is not required for the species no longer to be in danger of extinction.

John Vucetich, a wildlife biologist at Michigan Technological University, said most wolf experts probably would agree the species is not at imminent risk. But said he dropping federal protections was a premature move.

Many people "still find it difficult to live with wolves," primarily because they kill livestock as well as deer and elk that people like to hunt, Vucetich said. If wolves are returned to state management, he said, "I do worry that some of the states could be overly aggressive and that wolves could fare worse than their current condition."

The government first proposed revoking the wolf's protected status across the Lower 48 states in 2013. It backed off after federal courts struck down its plan for "delisting" the species in the western Great Lakes region states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Fish and Wildlife Service officials disclosed to the AP last year that another scientific review of the animal's status had been launched. □

U.S. plans end to wolf protections; critics say it's premature

By **MATTHEW BROWN** and **JOHN FLESHER**

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — U.S. wildlife officials plan to lift protections for gray wolves across the Lower 48 states, re-igniting the legal battle over a predator that's running into conflicts with farmers and ranchers as its numbers rebound in some regions.

The proposal would give states the authority to hold wolf hunting and trapping seasons. It was announced Wednesday by acting Interior Secretary David Bernhardt at a wildlife conference in Denver.

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Annie Lennox pushes for global feminism on Int'l Women's Day

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Annie Lennox has a sweet dream — that the world will embrace the term global feminism and continue to push for the advancement of women's rights around the globe.

The iconic singer and activist teamed with Apple Music to launch a video Thursday in support of global feminism to coincide with International Women's Day, which is Friday.

The nearly two-minute clip features Lennox, Oscar-nominated actor Richard E. Grant and Grammy-winning singers Ed Sheeran, Mary J. Blige and Dua Lipa telling the story of women's rights in the last 100 years.

"My interest is this term 'global feminism,'" Lennox said. "It means that everybody can be a part of it. It isn't saying, 'I'm a feminist, it's different than your feminism.' No. It's all part of a very mixed, diverse dialogue that will bring many people (together)."

"Feminism — we must use this word because it means



In this Oct. 9, 2018, file photo, Annie Lennox attends Porter's 3rd Annual Incredible Women Gala at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles.

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empowerment. People can be (and) must be empowered," she said. The Scottish singer said though there's been major progress for women's rights, much more needs to be done.

"In western countries, we're far more resourced than people are generally speaking in the so-called developing world," she

said. "It isn't right that young girls cannot attend primary school or cannot attend secondary school. If they are living in poverty, they can't therefore have the skills that they need. They can't become literate, they can't read or write, and therefore they can't have a chance to get out of this poverty."

Lennox is also encouraging more men to become global feminists: "We can be generous and inclusive, and we can use this term like an umbrella term, where people stand collectively, shoulder-to-shoulder, and they identify these facts and say, 'This is not right. Men, women can say, 'This is not right.'"

"Also, we must change this thing about violence where 1 in 3 women have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. If we don't have dialogue with boys and men, we cannot change attitudes and behaviors, so we must bring boys and men into the arena, into the platform for discussion," she added. Lennox, 64, said Sheeran was the first to jump on board for the video, which also features cameos by Hozier, Emeli Sande, Paloma Faith, Yola, Ade Adipitan, Richa Chadha and more.

For International Women's Day, Apple Music is also launching playlists curated by some of the top female acts in music, including

Cardi B, Pink, Halsey, Camila Cabello and more. Lennox is a Grammy and Oscar winner who has had major success as a member of the duo Eurythmics as well as a solo act, with hits including "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)," "Walking on Broken Glass," "No More I Love You's" and "Here Comes the Rain Again."

Lennox has pushed for equal rights throughout her career, and in 2008 she launched The Circle, an organization that focuses on gaining equality for women.

"I really like grassroots movements because I feel the change could come from within. Women like myself, I'm white. My skin color is white. My social standing is — I come from privilege. I don't come from a privileged background, but now my life is extremely privileged. With that privilege, I have a voice and a platform. I have ability to move. I can contribute in many ways to raising awareness globally about these situations and circumstances," she said. □

Music museums keeping Michael Jackson exhibits on display

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Megastar Michael Jackson's musical legacy has been getting critically reappraised after a new documentary rekindled allegations of child sexual abuse, but at least two music museums in Detroit and Tennessee aren't scrubbing the King of Pop from their exhibits.

The National Museum of African American Music says some Michael Jackson artifacts will be on display in a planned exhibit called "One Nation Under A Groove," when the museum opens in downtown Nashville in early 2020. The museum has previously released renderings of the building's design, featuring an image of Jackson on the exterior.

Meanwhile, in Detroit, the chairwoman and CEO of



In this June 21, 2010 file photo, Lina Stephens, chief curator at the Motown Historical Museum adjusts costumes from the Jackson 5 exhibit at Hitsville U.S.A. in Detroit.

Associated Press

Motown Museum said its mission is to share the stories and artifacts of the history of Motown.

"Michael Jackson's musical contributions remain part of the Motown story,"

Robin Terry said. Motown Records was the first major label to record The Jackson 5, in which Michael debuted as a young star alongside his siblings, and released their

hits "I Want You Back" and "ABC."

The HBO documentary "Leaving Neverland" aired detailed and disturbing stories from two men who say Jackson groomed them for sex and molested them when they were just little boys. Allegations of sexual abuse shadowed Jackson throughout much of his adult life, and he was acquitted on child molestation charges in 2005. Jackson died in 2009. There's been no evidence of major damage to Jackson's estate or his music because of the new documentary.

"The importance of Michael Jackson's music to the African American culture, and to the American soundtrack, is unrivalled," said H. Beecher Hicks III, president and CEO of the National Museum of African American Music in a

statement provided to The Associated Press.

"As a part of our One Nation Under a Groove gallery, Jackson will be defined by his music, his importance to pop culture, music videos and his impact on changing the course of popular music in our country. NMAAM has collected some artifacts which will be on display in this gallery, each of which will help highlight these aspects of his contributions to African American music. We understand that, like music itself, legacies are constantly evolving, and that we must be able to evolve and shift as needed."

A publicist for NMAAM said the design of the structure is still preliminary, and they have planned on having a rotating display of artist images on the building's exterior signs. □

Julianne Moore shines in 'Gloria Bell'

By **JAKE COYLE**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Everyone is vanishing around Julianne Moore's title character in Sebastian Lelio's "Gloria Bell." The disappearances don't come with blood-curdling shrieks or thundering score cues, but with the humdrum ebb of middle age. People just move away or recede from view.

Gloria is a divorced, fifty-something Los Angeles insurance agent by day and dances disco at a nightclub by evening. Her son, Peter (Michael Cera), is caring for a newborn while his wife is away somewhere in the desert "finding herself." Her daughter, Anne (Caren Pistorius), has an extreme surfer boyfriend chasing waves abroad — and she might soon join him. Gloria's closest colleague at work is sent packing. And, most of all, her promising new boyfriend Arnold (John Turturro) has a funny habit of disappearing every time his ex-wife calls.

Just about the only one who's consistently there



This image released by A24 shows Julianne Moore in a scene from "Gloria Bell."

for Gloria is a hairless cat that keeps turning up in her apartment. "It's like an Egyptian mummy cat," she complains.

"Gloria Bell" isn't a dour midlife character study but a warmly affectionate one, in large part due to Moore's radiant, lived-in performance as a woman committed to self-renewal. The film is an English-language remake of Lelio's own 2013 drama "Gloria," which starred Paulina Garcia in the lead role, and this version is frequently a shot-for-shot, line-for-line recreation. Still, "Gloria" feels

light and spontaneous.

In between the two "Gloria" movies, the Chilean filmmaker Lelio made the Oscar-winning "A Fantastic Woman," about a transgender woman (Daniela Vega) in Santiago, and his English-language debut, "Disobedience," a tale of forbidden love with Rachel Weisz and Rachel McAdams. He has made a specialty of graceful and earnest female-led films that make up for their lack of dramatics with a rare sensitivity.

With a dreamlike sheen (aided by Matthew Herbert's technicolor score), "Gloria Bell" follows Gloria through her modest days where any disappoint-

ments or slights are usually worked out at the nightclub — a place of refuge in "A Fantastic Woman," too. "When the world blows up, I hope I go down dancing," Gloria says brightly to friends.

Gloria's world isn't imploding but it's not exactly soaring, either. Her life, like most, is full of impermanent connections and stabs at self-improvement. But she is blessedly undaunted, like a personification of the uplifting spirit of the Laura Branigan anthem "Gloria." In Los Angeles traffic in her car, she belts out '80s songs. Vulnerable and guileless, this is as natural as Julianne Moore has ever been, even if her Gloria feels too

secure for us to ever fear much for her future.

It's at the nightclub that Gloria meets Arnold, an ex-Marine who owns a paintball park. His first line at the bar is: "Are you always this happy?" "Some days I am," responds Gloria, fresh off the dancefloor. "Some days I'm not."

Their budding relationship moves to the center of the film but Arnold — as all paintball park owners do — remains a mysterious figure. He's clearly still attached to his ex-wife whose calls disturb nearly every romantic moment. While smitten with Gloria, Arnold is so absurdly tethered to his ex-wife and their apparently unstable young adult daughters that the character — though so poignantly rendered by Turturro — verges on parody. Or better yet, "Gloria Bell" — pleasantly low-key as it is — should have tipped more fully into comedy. With Moore, Turturro, the underused Cera and others like Brad Garrett (as Gloria's ex), the cast is certainly there for it. Some scenes feel like they would turn hysterical if the camera just rolled a little longer, if the sheen of art-film was a little punctured. □

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Weezer's 'Black Album' mocks, shocks and knocks



This cover image released by Crush Music/Atlantic Records shows "Weezer (The Black Album)," a release by Weezer.

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By **PABLO GORONDI**

Associated Press

Weezer, "Weezer (Black Album)" (Crush Music/Atlantic Records) Fashion and decor experts say black and teal are a good combination, so there are ways in which Weezer's "Black Album" matches the "Teal Album," their barely-a-month-ago release of largely 1980s cover versions motivated

by the surprising success of their take on Toto's "Africa." "Black Album," for example, also harkens back to the '80s "me decade" with some self-referential moments, makes generous use of kitsch and includes "The Prince Who Wanted Everything," a song that alludes to paisley and a red corvette but crassly ends up making Prince come across like a second-rate Liberace. Where "Teal" had outliers, like versions of The Turtles' "Happy Together" and TLC's "No Scrubs," "Black" has opening track "Can't Knock the Hustle," which pairs some lines in Spanish with Mexican horns, and "Zombie Bastards," song No. 2, where "blah, blah, blah" substitutes "yada, yada, yada" and sounds like a prime candidate for the soundtracks of the inevitable remakes of "Adventureland" or "The Way Way Back." "Teal" was also notable for the bands' and Rivers Cuomo's facility of sticking to versions of others' hits that hardly strayed from the originals but still sounded very much like Weezer. □

Clash of 'Jeopardy!' titans ends with \$1 million runaway win

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The first-ever "Jeopardy!" team championship came down to a clash of the titans, Ken Jennings vs. Brad Rutter. With \$1 million at stake, a big Daily Double bet by Rutter positioned his team for a runaway victory as the quiz show's "All-Star Games" ended Tuesday. Rutter and teammates Larissa Kelly and David Madden split the top prize, with Jennings, Matt Jackson and Monica Thieu sharing \$300,000. Colby Burnett, Pam Mueller and Alan Lin took third place and \$100,000 on the show hosted by Alex Trebek.

Rutter entered the contest as the top winner on any game show with a haul of \$4.3 million in regular and tournament "Jeopardy!" play. Jennings was a 74-game winner and top moneymaker in the quiz show's non-tournament competition with \$2.5 million.

"To see it come down to the two heavyweights was the perfect culmination of it," Madden said in an interview. "It certainly did not disappoint in terms of the quality of play, and we just got lucky that Brad pulled the Daily Doubles when needed and had a great round."

"Ken played great, too, as did Team Colby," he said, graciously.

For his part, team captain Rutter was happy to share



This photo provided by Sony shows Brad Rutter, Larissa Kelly and David Madden with Alex Trebek, winners of the first-ever "Jeopardy!" team championship, Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in Burbank, Calif.

the credit with Madden and Kelly.

"The money is great, but these champs aren't here for the money. They're here for the glory," he said. "I wanted to bring it home for my team, because they worked so hard and prepared so well and played so well."

A daring \$10,000 bet by Rutter ended up making the contest a lock, Kelly said. A history buff, Rutter said he felt confident enough about the category, Colo-

rad America, to go big. (He knew which war Britain's 1764 Sugar Act was intended to retroactively pay for. If the answer doesn't spring to mind, here's a refresher.)

"Brad and I have probably played against each other more than any two other people in 'Jeopardy!' history, but it's never enough for me," Jennings said in a statement. "On the one hand, I'm thinking, 'Just once, can somebody take this guy out in the semis?'

But on the other hand, you want to see how you stack up against the best talent available."

Kelly called Rutter's performance "incredible to watch." It also made easy work for her in the final round of "Jeopardy!" as she faced a question about Constitutional amendments.

"I was assuming I would have to get it right, and it turned out it didn't matter at all. I was totally in a no-pressure situation," she

said, happily. The winning teammates boast longtime friendships. Madden and Kelly were quiz-bowl teammates at Princeton, and Rutter and Madden met at a tournament in 2006.

Playing as a trio was an "amazing aspect of the whole experience," Madden said.

So how will each spend their share of the prize, about \$330,000?

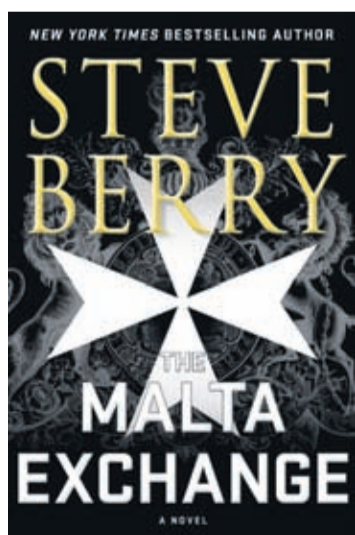
Madden said he and his wife will plow some of it into International Academic Competitions, the company they founded that organizes quiz tournaments for schoolchildren worldwide. The investment may eventually allow them to reduce their time on the road building the business and move to a new home, he said.

Kelly and her husband, both with the National Academic Quiz Tournaments company, have travel in mind, as well as updating the house purchased with her earlier "Jeopardy!" winnings and doing what Kelly called the "prudent" thing by saving for retirement.

As for Rutter, an Australian vacation is likely. And he'll continue to pursue work as an actor in TV commercials and pitch ideas to produce, including a game show and sitcoms.

"So a little bit more for the nest egg, and I can support myself without having to wait tables like everyone else in Hollywood," he said. □

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This undated photo provided by St. Martin's Press shows the book cover of "The Malta Exchange" by Steve Berry.

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'Malta Exchange' is blend of history and thrills

By JEFF AYERS
Associated Press

"The Malta Exchange" (Minotaur), by Steve Berry. Steve Berry's pragmatic hero Cotton Malone soon regrets taking on what is supposed to be a simple mission in "The Malta Exchange," the latest blend of history and thrills. Malone has retired from his job at the Justice Department so he can run a bookstore in Copenhagen. He freelances easy assignments for extra money, and when he's asked to recover letters

in Lake Como, Italy, that were supposedly written between Winston Churchill and Benito Mussolini, he jumps at the chance. It's nothing more than meeting with someone who has the correspondence and then taking possession of the letters. He doesn't expect another person waiting to grab them or the steps they will utilize to insure that he fails in his endeavor. The hunt for the letters that have historic significance leads to a vast conspiracy involving the election of a

new pope and the Knights of Malta, an organization that's been in existence for centuries. Malone's easy payday has become a battle for survival. Long-buried secrets are revealed and the consequences of failure could impact history and many cultural traditions. He receives help from agent Luke Daniels, who works for Malone's old employer. But even help comes with a price when Daniels' covert operation is quickly compromised. Trust and loyalty are merely

optional in Berry's fun and engaging tale. Elements of the story echo Dan Brown and Berry's first Cotton Malone adventure, "The Templar Legacy." What makes his novels stand out is the level of research to make the foundation of the story solid and then adding some mayhem and chaos. After shaking them all together, the result is a thriller that intrigues and provides historical context. Berry is the master scientist with a perfect formula for the best-seller lists. □

How to prevent the 'robot apocalypse' from ending labor as we know it

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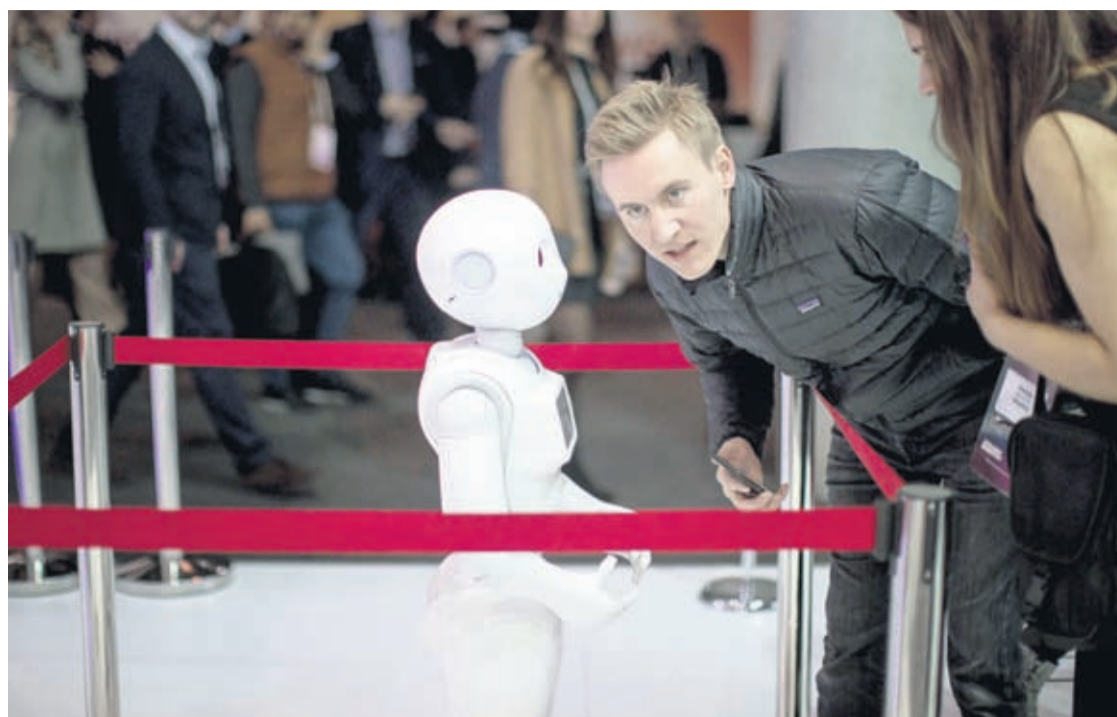
It seems not a day goes by without the appearance of another dire warning about the future of work. Some alarmists fear a "robot apocalypse," while others foresee the day of "singularity" coming when artificial intelligence exceeds human intelligence. Still others warn that income inequality will continue to rise as owners of capital capture more of the benefits of innovations than those who labor for a living.

Yet there is also a counter-trend emerging: Groups as diverse as the World Economic Forum and the International Labor Organization are beginning to argue that it's up to society to shape the future of work. What's needed is action today to harness and channel technological changes, prepare the workforce for new demands and opportunities, strengthen their voices and built a new social contract that includes leaders in business, education, labor and government. These are some of the issues we'll be discussing in an online course that draws on some of the best experts in AI, robotics, economics and employment relations at MIT and around the world. Our main point is that avoiding apocalyptic outcomes requires bold actions and a collaborative approach.

How to shape change

Virtually every technological revolution has inspired workers to fear for their jobs. And for good reason. Each one resulted in the creation of new jobs alongside the elimination of others. At the same time, new technologies changed the way work is done within most occupations.

But fighting technology-inspired changes, as the Luddites of the early 19th century did, rarely works – and can in fact have disastrous consequences. The Luddites, textile workers and weavers who feared the advent of automated looms in England, destroyed machines and



A XR-1 5G cloud robot by CloudMinds speaks with a visitor, during the Mobile World Congress wireless show, in Barcelona, Spain, Monday, Feb. 25, 2019.

burned factories, hoping to arrest their advance. The government eventually quashed the unrest, killing some workers and jailing many others.

The new technologies that transformed the textile industry continued unabated. While many weavers lost their jobs, it created new ones for mechanics and other industrial workers and increased overall productivity.

The important lesson from this episode is that the transition from an agricultural to an industrial economy occurred in the absence of updated policies to govern the transition, which led to more pain for those who were displaced than was necessary.

So as today's workers in dozens of occupations face down the robot apocalypse, what's needed aren't more battle cries but concerted action by leaders in business, edu-

cation, government and, of course, labor. And if, as predicted, AI and robotics do transform nearly half of jobs requiring new skill sets for workers, the current challenge may be greater than ever, making it even more important that we create a vision and a path forward that everyone can support.

Giving 'wisdom to the machines'

Let's start with business leaders since they buy and implement most new technologies.

The dominant business motivation for introducing new technology is to reduce human labor and the costs associated with it. Robots, or more broadly software, don't leave for another job, go on strike or need bathroom breaks – let alone a paycheck or benefits.

But there is ample historical and current evidence that simply viewing technology as a labor cost saving tool

leads to overinvestment and weak returns.

Just ask General Motors what it got for its nearly US\$50 billion in robots in the 1980s in its futile effort to catch up with Toyota's more efficient production and labor relations systems. The answer is not much.

Instead, GM eventually learned from Toyota via a joint venture that the highest return on investments came by integrating new technology with new work practices, which allowed workers to help "give wisdom to the machines."

The key lesson for business is that it needs to engage workers in designing and deploying new technologies to get the greatest productivity gains.

Learning for life
Lifelong learning is the new buzz phrase when it comes to discussions of work. Transforming this from rhetoric to reality will require fundamental changes in educational institutions and teaching methods.

It starts with the children in schools today who will likely be most affected by the AI revolution in coming decades. And while in the past the focus was on the STEM disciplines – science, technology, engineering and math – industry leaders these days say they need tomorrow's workforce to be filled with people who can think analytically and

creatively, work well together in teams and can adapt readily to near-constant change.

In other words, workers need to be inculcated from an early age with more behavioral and analytic skills, such as teamwork, communications and problem-solving with data.

Even after people are in the workforce, learning new skills and acquiring new knowledge will continue throughout their careers. That means businesses and universities will need to form new partnerships that ensure the workforce can continue to adapt.

A new social contract

A key way government can contribute is by revisiting the legislative framework that supports labor.

The New Deal was a series of programs, projects and reforms that helped shift the U.S. from a primarily agricultural to industrial economy. It established collective bargaining rights, created Social Security and unemployment insurance, and set minimum wages and labor standards.

With the rise of the gig economy and the changing nature of the employer-employee relationship, a new social contract is necessary to support workers in this new reality. Benefits should be portable so workers can easily move from job to job without losing health insurance and other benefits now tied to a specific employer. Post-secondary education needs to be more affordable. Labor law should make it easier so different kinds of workers, from professionals, to low wage workers, to independent contractors, can all have their voices heard. And safety nets need strengthening to support those displaced or whose career has been downgraded by all the seismic changes coming our way.

Workers need a seat

As for labor leaders, they need to make sure they're at the table with business, education and government to ensure workers aren't left behind by new technologies. □



A police robot is deployed along a retail street in Beijing, China, Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

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